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N.S. flu toll rises to 5

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Flu **Outbreak**

The number of H1N1 deaths in the province is now at five with provincial health officials confirming yesterday two more Nova Scotians died last week with the swine flu virus.

A woman from the Halifax area and a man from Pictou County — both in their early 40s — died sometime between a week ago Sunday and last Saturday, the province's chief public health officer Dr. Robert Strang said late yesterday.

Both died from complications of the H1N1 virus, but Strang said the man and woman also had underlying health conditions. There were no other details provided.

Of the five Nova Scotians who have now died from swine flu — one man and four women — these latest two are the youngest. Additionally, four of the deaths have come during the so-called second wave of the H1N1 pandemic.

"It doesn't surprise me, unfortunately," Strang said. "It really shows the serious side of this disease and the importance of prevention."

That prevention includes getting vaccinated, Strang re-emphasized. The province announced last Friday H1N1 vaccination shots are now available to everyone after priority was given to high-risk groups.

While lines to get the shots have decreased, and Capital Health announced this week that by the end of today its three flu assessment clinics will be closed because of much lower attendance, Strang said by no means are we out of the woods when it comes to H1N1.

In fact, he said we might not see any decrease in deaths or severe cases in the next seven to 14 days because it can take a week or two for someone to show symptoms of H1N1.

MP apologizes over calling the jobless 'bastards'

CONTROVERSY Gerald Keddy says he's sorry for calling unemployed people in Halifax "no-good bastards."

The Conservative MP for South Shore-St. Margarets issued the apology in a statement yesterday after the Opposition and advocates for the homeless condemned comments he made in a Halifax newspaper.

According to the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, Keddy said some farm operators in the province hire migrant labourers because Nova Scotians won't do it, referring to them as "all those no-good bastards sitting on the sidewalk in Halifax that can't get work."

Keddy says he did not "mean to suggest that anyone who is unemployed is not actively looking for employment."

But Nova Scotia Federation of Labour president Rick Clarke said Keddy should resign over the remark."This is the height of insensitivity toward the unemployed," Clarke said in a release.

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Dexter embarking on trade mission

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter will leave this weekend on a trade mission to Vietnam. Dexter will join key players in the transportation and education sectors for an Atlantic Gateway initiative designed to forge business ties with the Asian country. The premier says Vietnam is a rapidly growing hub for container traffic and manufacturing, and Halifax is positioned to be a key gateway to North America for their products. The trade mission is being led by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Gun amnesty program keeps rolling

FIREARMS Haligonians continue to trade in guns to shoot pictures in large numbers.

Halifax Regional Police's Pixels for Pistols program collected 234 guns in its third week, including 187 long guns and 47 handguns and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

The program, which is running the entire month of November, has collected a total of 443 guns and over 5,000 rounds of ammunition since its launch.

Pixels for Pistols is a community safety partnership between HRP and Henry's Camera. Citizens can turn in a functional firearm and receive a Sony digital camera and a Henry's School of Imaging gift card.

Police say they have been flooded with calls and it's taking longer than expected to pick up unwanted firearms. Citizens who want to participate in the program are encouraged to call before the deadline, though a pickup may not be made before the end of the month.

Non-functional firearms are still good for a gift certificate, and all firearms have been checked to ensure they haven't been used in a crime.

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Graffiti registry proposed

City murals would let artists legally showcase work: Task force

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Graffiti artists in the Halifax Regional Municipality may someday be provided with an alternative to illegally splashing their work across private or city-owned property.

At last night's meeting of Halifax Regional Council, the city's Graffiti Task Force recommended HRM adopt a formal registry that would allow artists to sign up and practise their craft legally through city-commissioned murals.

"Graffiti vandals have told me that they feel they have the right to showcase their work," said Coun. Linda Mosher, who chairs the task force and recently returned from a trip to see how New York City is dealing with graffiti.

"With a registry, any graffiti artist that wanted to could go online and register, and be given a legitimate opportunity to showcase their art."

Long considered a blight on HRM's urban landscape, graffiti has been the subject of numerous debates at city hall. The Graffiti Task Force was created in 2007 to address the issue, and is required to submit a report to council each year that outlines its progress.

Last night, councillors voted to accept the latest report, but were not asked to approve any suggestions it contained — including the proposed registry.

One change that will undoubtedly occur, however, is an amendment to the municipal charter that would make it harder for private citizens to avoid cleaning up graffiti on their property. Several councillors said the change, expected to come into effect this spring, will simply punish the victims.

"I've had several calls from citizens and business owners who say they're just appalled that we're doing this," said Coun. Dawn Sloane. "We're making people look like criminals when they've done nothing wrong."

Mosher assured her the city would simply issue a notice to the property owner, and there would be no fines or charges filed against them if they failed to tidy up.



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Pedestrians walk down Gottingen Street yesterday, past a business vandalized by graffiti. Halifax will host a three-day summit in the spring to discuss the problem of graffiti.

"Graffiti vandals have told me that they feel they have the right to showcase their work." Coun. Linda Mosher

N.S. child-porn law similar to federal bill never used: Police

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ENFORCEMENT The Canadian government unveiled a new law designed to help stamp out child pornography yesterday, but police admit a similar Nova Scotian law already on the books has never been used.

The law would require Internet service providers to report evidence or suspicion of child pornography to police. Federal MP Keith Ashfield called it a step towards eliminating or curtailing child porn.

But ISPs are not allowed to check which websites their customers see and would have to rely on tips.

"They can't actually view the sites because of privacy laws," Ashfield said yesterday in Halifax. "But if it's reported to them in any way, shape or fashion, or if they suspect that there may be something happening, then it would be forwarded to police."

One year ago, the Rodney MacDonald Tories passed a law requiring anyone who encounters child pornography to report it to authorities.

At the time, officers said they weren't sure how the law could be enforced. Halifax Regional Police Supt. Mike Burns confirmed yesterday no one had been charged under the law in the past year.

But he said the new law could be different. Burns said during investigations it's possible to discover an ISP knew about explicit content. Fines under the new law range from $10,000 to $100,000.

"Strange as it may sound, many times people (see) something wrong and it's not always the police they call first," Burns said.

He added he welcomes any law that helps fight the growing and at times overwhelming problem of child pornography. He said some police statistics show the amount of child porn online quadrupled from 2003 to 2007.

"If (child pornography is) reported to (ISPs) in any way, shape or fashion, or if they suspect that there may be something there, then it would be forwarded to police." MP Keith Ashfield

School board to report on academic performance

STUDENTS The Halifax Regional School Board will be receiving its own report card tonight in Dartmouth.

Supt. Carole Olsen is scheduled to present her annual report to board members at their regular monthly meeting, and the focus is expected to be on academic performance among the board's 52,000 students.

School board spokesman Doug Hadley said the report, entitled Good Schools to Great Schools, will outline what the HRSB is doing to ensure that every school is steadily improving its academic record by 2013.

"When we're talking about academic performance, we're talking about how students are engaged in their learning," Hadley said. "Primarily, the focus is on learning and ... specifically on math and literacy."

The meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at 90 Alderney Dr. in Dartmouth.

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Showcasing local filmmakers

Some of the province's emerging filmmakers will be showcased tonight as Film Nova Scotia and Empire Theatres host four short films at the Oxford Theatre. The films — Backshift, Sunfish, Red Velvit Girls and D'une rive a l'autre will be shown at 7 p.m. METRO HALIFAX

New unit to investigate police

Province aims for greater transparency in police misconduct reviews

Nova Scotia will set up an independent investigative unit to examine alleged police misconduct, the province's justice minister said yesterday, citing an increasing public demand for greater transparency when police forces are under investigation.

Ross Landry said the unit would be composed of seven positions and help bring a level of accountability to the justice system "that Nova Scotians have asked for," though he could not say whether it would be led by a civilian.

"We are improving the oversight of our police system and will develop a new model that is more accountable and transparent when it is necessary to investigate police actions," Landry told a news conference.

"An independent unit will investigate matters where there is a serious incident, including death or serious injury or public interest concern, resulting from the actions of a police officer and possibly of correctional officers and sheriffs."



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Justice Minister Ross Landry, flanked by Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley, left, and Nova Scotia RCMP Chief Supt. Blair McKnight, announces an independent investigative unit to examine possible police misconduct, at a news conference in Halifax yesterday.

Landry said the unit, expected to be established in 2010, will be independent of police and would likely run an estimated price tag of about $800,000 a year.

The establishment of such a unit follows similar moves in Ontario and Alberta.

Frank Beazley, chief of Halifax Regional Police, said he fully supports the concept of an independent unit.

He said it will help bring more impartiality and transparency to the process of investigating police matters and bolster the public's confidence in the system.

Beazley, who said he had been advocating such a unit for years, said it was especially important in a smaller jurisdiction such as Nova Scotia, where police units from different forces often work together in areas such as drug enforcement.

"You don't remove the perception of bias by having the RCMP investigate something where their own members were part of the incident, or me investigating the RCMP when my members were part of the incident," Beazley said.

Beazley also pointed out that the province's size had also made it necessary to seek outside help with investigations into police conduct, something that ends up being costly.

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Stabbing suspect released

SCHOOL A 16-year-old charged in connection with a recent stabbing at Citadel High School has been released into the custody of his parents — but will be closely monitored until his next court appearance on Dec. 10.

The boy, whose identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is confined to his family home and must remain under constant parental supervision. He is also required to wear an ankle bracelet.

Police were called to Citadel High just after 9 a.m. on Nov. 16 after a 17-year-old male student was stabbed repeatedly in the back. METRO HALIFAX

News in brief

CRIME Two 19-year-olds were due in provincial court yesterday on charges of break and enter after Halifax Regional Police say someone broke into the rear compound at Aberdeen Paving on the Hammonds Plains Road. METRO HALIFAX



RCMP town hall meeting tonight
Halifax RCMP are continuing a series of town hall meetings with one tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the DNR Education Centre in Middle Musquodoboit. METRO HALIFAX

Appointments lead to calls for change

Opposition seeking full list of political candidates

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Opposition parties are again criticizing the process for political appointments, only this time the colours have changed.

Yesterday, the provincial human resources committee ratified 24 appointees and, as has always been the case, some had ties to the governing party. For example, Justin McDonough, son of former federal NDP leader Alexa McDonough, was appointed to the Trade Centre Ltd. board.

The committee only approves the final candidate and cannot see who was beaten out in the running. The Liberals have been trying to get that changed.

"Anything I know about Justin, everybody's spoken very highly of him. I don't have any problem with that. It's just that we don't know how he stacks up against the other people who may have applied," said Liberal committee member Kelly Regan.


Kelly Regan

While in opposition, the NDP also railed against the current system and asked to make public a full list of candidates. Now in power, the party said it will consider changing the system but hasn't committed to anything yet.

Things came to a head at yesterday's meeting when Liberals tried to delay the appointment of Michael Coyle as chair of the elections committee.

Liberals said Coyle's resumé only went up to 2007 and he appeared to be getting paid as a lawyer to advise the NDP caucus. The NDP rejected the motion and appointed Coyle.

Committee chair Becky Kent said the NDP caucus hadn't been financially involved with Coyle for over a year. Kent said the Liberal motion was defeated because it's not the job of the committee to scrutinize candidates.

"The mandate of the committee is not to micro-manage to that degree. The mandate of the committee is to ensure the process has been fair and accurate," Kent said.

Tory Leader Karen Casey said she supports the current system but requests for more information should be accepted to ensure a fair process.

Flying the flag for HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

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Health Minister Maureen MacDonald, left, and Larry Baxter, chairperson of the Nova Scotia Advisory Commission on AIDS, watch on the grounds of the Nova Scotia legislature as three-year-old Kaya McKergow helps raise a flag for HIV/AIDS Awareness Week in the province.

HEALTH About 25 people wore red ribbons as a flag bearing the same symbol was raised to a grey Halifax sky at the Nova Scotia legislature yesterday to kick off HIV/AIDS Awareness Week in the province.

The campaign recognized across the country is put on each year to celebrate the progress in the fight against AIDS and HIV. This year's campaign has specific focus on women, especially young women aged 15 to 29.

Michelle Proctor-Simms, director of the Nova Scotia Advisory Commission on AIDS, said the number of infections in women is steadily increasing.

"HIV is still present in our province," she said. "We need to continue in our efforts to focus on prevention, especially in youth and women."

Larry Baxter, chairperson of the commission, said the campaign is also a reminder that having unprotected sex and sharing needles puts people at risk of infection.

He said people who have participated in "risky" behaviour need to get checked to prevent the spread of infection.

HIV/AIDS Awareness Week started yesterday and will culminate in a World AIDS Day gathering on Dec. 1, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Italian Cultural Centre on Agricola Street in Halifax.

Proctor-Simms said more than 700 infections have been reported in the province since 1985. In June 2008, 311 adult women were reported as HIV positive, from a total of 1,281 in Canada, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada.



Pictou County native named Miss Nova Scotia International

A Pictou County native will represent the province this year as Miss Nova Scotia International. Ashley Lochead earned the title following a week of judging and competition at the Miss Nova Scotia International event in Halifax. Its pageant was held Saturday at the Bela Rose Arts Centre. METRO NEWS SERVICES

A truly musical holiday Carol

Neptune Theatre's A Christmas Carol is a bit different from the usual adaptation for the holiday classic — it's a musical.

Eric Hughes was commissioned to write lyrics and a score for the production. The script was adapted from the original novel, which is conveniently divided into five staves — a musical term which designates a theme or mood rather than chapter.

English actor Jon Osbaldeston, who is playing Ebenezer Scrooge, said yesterday following a media call for the play the production is unique without tarnishing Dickens' original piece.

"It stays very true to Dickens' original work … it's a wonderful script and a wonderful scroll, so it's almost easy to be in because it sort of plays itself," said Osbaldeston, clad in a night cap and stage makeup.

The classic tale folows Scrooge's journey through the past, present and future. Scrooge progresses from a money-hungry bahhumbug to a warm-hearted, kind man, thanks to three ghosts who visit him on Christmas eve.



PHILIP GROUCHEFAVATERO HALIFAX

Jon Osbaldeston, playing the role of Scrooge, and Maria McLean, as the Ghost of Christmas Past, perform during a rehearsal for Neptune Theatre's newest production A Christmas Carol, which officially opens on Friday night and will run until Jan. 3.

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- A Christmas Carol: The Musical is running at the Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall from Friday through to Jan. 3, 2010.

"It's bit like riding a roller coaster. You get on at point A, you get off at point Z and you've gone through this wonderful story," Osbaldeston said.

Charles Dickens novel has been adapted for more than 200 years, but this is the world premiere for this musical version, said George Pothitos, Neptune's artistic director and director for A Christmas Carol. "It's a lavish production … it's almost fantastical," he said. "There are a lot of visual treats that help create the message of the story."

The cast, which features six Nova Scotians, is joined by a children's chorus comprising 10 eager actors and actresses.

Pothitos hopes the message of the production is what will resonate with viewers.

"We can all be Scrooges in our own way," Pothitos said. "I hope this will remind us that we should be kinder to each other."

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Stanfield to receive new X-ray gear for carry-ons

SECURITY Canada's major airports — including Halifax Stanfield International Airport — will have new X-ray scanning gear for carry-on baggage by February that officials say could speed up the trip through security and make it easier to spot potential threats.

It also holds the potential of dialing back blanket restrictions on carrying liquids aboard flights, instituted after a foiled British-based plot to bomb jetliners using liquid explosives.

The Canadian Air Transportation Security Authority has given a $27-million contract to U.K.-based Smiths Detection to replace the company's current single-view X-ray scanners with units that capture four views of each piece of luggage.

"This additional data that is created contributes to better decisions by our screening officers and obviously an improvement on the security at the checkpoint," Mathieu Larocque, the security authority's communications officer, said from Ottawa.

Besides, Halifax, the new system is being installed this year in four other major Canadian airports: Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal. Calgary, Winnipeg and Ottawa will get them in the next fiscal year. There are no plans to upgrade the scanners at smaller regional airports, he said.

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News in brief

PAINTINGS The province announced yesterday it is restoring forests in Cape Breton's Mabou Highlands, a section of land being ravaged by the spruce bark beetle. The harvesting of two sites on a total of 95-hectares of Crown land located in the northern end of the highlands is underway and is expected to last about two to three weeks.

A provincial release issued yesterday said the harvesting will reduce the amount of white spruce trees, which the spruce bark beetle is killing.

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For many women, "Honey I'm home," is a wonderful and welcome greeting, but for other women, abused women, it's extremely threatening and terrifying. Domestic violence pervades many homes in our community and for many women the choice to stay or to leave is often accompanied by fear, uncertainty and mistrust.

Since 1983, Alice Housing has provided safe, affordable second stage housing and supportive counseling for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. As the largest second stage housing organization in the Atlantic Provinces, the organization has helped over 800 families re-build their lives after a period of violence in their homes.

With 19 housing units located throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality, the organization works with women who are at high risk for harm or lethality due to intimate partner abuse. All units are privately alarmed for ultimate safety. Counseling programs for women are mandatory and explore a wide range of issues including self esteem, healthy relationships, and the cycle of violence and other factors which contribute to domestic abuse. Personal empowerment and development are also emphasized which help women identify their self worth, while creating their own path to fulfillment in both their personal and professional lives. Many women in our program re-enter the workforce or upgrade their education as they reach for their long term goals.

Rents are geared to income so shelter costs are not a barrier for women seeking safety. Leases are available for up to two years in second stage and an additional four years in third stage housing.

A large and widely recognized component of the work of Alice Housing involves working with child witnesses of domestic abuse. Established in 2006, Healing the Bruises is a unique counseling program for the children and youth of Alice Housing who have witnessed or have been the recipient of abuse in their homes. Working with our child/youth counselor, children are able to explore their feelings concerning their experiences through a wide variety of counseling tools including modified art and play therapy, recreational outings and one-on-one counseling. "One of the primary goals of this program is to reassure children that although violence has been part of their past it does not have to define their future or become their legacy," explains Joanne Bernard, Alice Housing Executive Director.

Because often the violence negatively affects the relationship in many levels with their children, Healing the Bruises also provides parenting support for mothers. By meeting with mothers to discuss issues arising from family conflict, performance in school, and external support program referrals, the child/youth counselor becomes a valuable resource for moms as the family stabilizes in the program. Monthly parenting programs on a wide range of topics also allows women to draw from each for support and friendship.



As the largest second stage housing organization in the Atlantic Provinces, [Alice Housing] has helped over 800 families re-build their lives after a period of violence in their homes.

Healing the Bruises also offers age appropriate groups for toddlers, school aged children and youth. STRAIGHTtalk for teens and tweens living with Alice Housing provides a client driven discussion group where young people can talk their "here and now" issues in a safe and supportive environment.

To enhance the supportive counseling for women and children, both counselors offer holistic therapy in the form of auricular acupuncture which assists with anxiety and depression while encouraging rest and relaxation.

Alice Housing is currently half way through a three-year partnership with Emera, the main supporters of Healing the Bruises. The program has no sustainable funding when this very generous partnership ends.

"The organization is the quintessential grassroots organization and does big work year after year," explains Michelle Kelly, board chair. "With stagnant government funding at 11% of our operational budget, a daunting 40% of our budget must be fund raised each year without the benefit of professional fundraising personnel on staff,"

Recently that work was nationally recognized for the third time in four years with the William H Donner Award for Excellence in Service Delivery in Canada and the Excellence of Service Delivery of Basic Necessities as determined by the Donner Foundation, the benchmark for non-profit recognition in Canada. Alice Housing remains the most recognized organization in Atlantic Canada by the Donner Foundation in the awards 12 year history.

Our work was also recently recognized locally with our award from the Better Business Bureau Maritime Provinces Ethics Awards in the non-profit organization category.

"As we mark this International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, we encourage our community to support Alice Housing financially as we assist women and children in crisis due to domestic abuse," continues Joanne. "Please consider this vital resource in your community when choosing your charity of choice this holiday season." All donations are tax receipted for this year if received by our office by December 31.

"As we enter into our 28th year of working in the community, we thank those who have supported us in the past and hope we can count on your generosity as we continue to support women and children who are fleeing domestic abuse," concludes Joanne.

For more information on this vital community resource, visit us at www.alicehousing.ca or call 466-8459.

The Facts of Spousal Violence

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- A third of all incidents of spousal violence in Canada (approximately 334,00 cases between 1999 and 2004 were witnessed by children.
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Source: Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women Fact Sheet on Intimate Partner Violence

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Man was never a Nazi: Daughter

The family of Helmut Oberlander says he was never a Nazi and that he has not been charged by the federal government with any war crime. The Federal Court of Appeal released a ruling recently that ordered the federal cabinet to revisit its decision to strip Oberlander of his Canadian citizenship. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



No evidence of theft: RCMP

The mystery of the missing mint gold is deepening. The Royal Canadian Mint announced yesterday that the RCMP has found no evidence of theft in the apparent disappearance of $15.3 million in gold and silver. The Mounties sent a letter stating their probe into the "unreconciled differences" in 2008 inventories provided no evidence to support further criminal investigation.

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PM to release prisoner docs

Opposition fears it will get censored versions of detainee reports

Prime Minister Stephen Harper moved yesterday to calm the political storm surrounding the handover of Afghan prisoners, vowing to release all "legally available" documents related to the matter.

But the assurance did little to appease opposition MPs, who fear they will get censored versions. They continued to hammer away on the issue of what the government knew in 2006-07 about the threat of torture in Afghan jails even as Canadian soldiers transferred detainees.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said that from the "cascade" of reports in 2006 and 2007 about torture, Harper must have known about the danger, yet did nothing to stop the prisoner transfers.

"It defies belief that this information never reached the prime minister," Ignatieff told the House of Commons.

"How can anyone believe that the prime minister did not himself know about torture in Afghan jails and the risk that detainees transferred there would be tortured ... How can he possibly justify his failure to act?"

Harper, speaking for the first time since the controversy ignited last week, brushed the accusation aside.

"The fact of the matter is that whenever Canadian diplomats or Canadian military officials have concrete evidence, substantial evidence, of any kind of abuse, they take appropriate action."

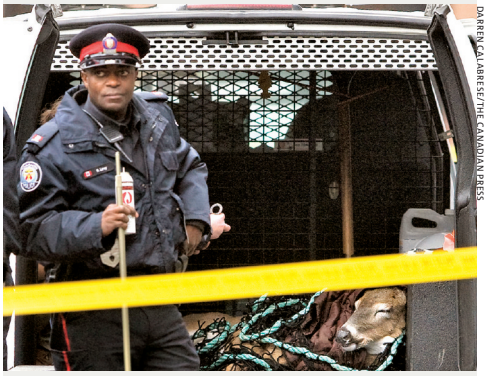
The Commons is still echoing with the aftershocks from the appearance of Richard Colvin before a special Commons committee on Afghanistan last week. The former No. 2 at the Canadian embassy in Kabul and now an intelligence officer at the embassy in Washington, testified that he sent warnings to high-level officers and officials in Ottawa in 2006 and 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sarah Palin gives some advice to CBC's 22 Minutes on how Canada should change its health-care system. Scan this code for the full article.

Toronto **The deer hunters**



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After running loose in downtown Toronto, a tranquilized deer lays in the back of an animal services van yesterday as Toronto police assess the scene. Toronto police had to use a Taser to subdue the deer, which was later released into the wild.

NOTICE

Release of Environmental Assessment Report Pursuant to the Nova Scotia ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on October 16, 2009, the Minister of Environment received the Environmental Assessment Report for Highway 113 proposed by Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. The purpose of the proposed Highway 113 is to provide a more efficient means of travel for motorists between Highway 103 and Highway 102, that bypasses the Halifax Urban Core. It will also relieve congestion on the Hammonds Plains Road. The proposed 4-lane divided highway will go from Highway 103 near Exit 4 to Highway 102 near Exit 3.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Report may be examined at the following locations:

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All comments received, including any personal information, will be placed in the public file located in the library on the 5th floor of the Nova Scotia Environment, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road.

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Policy defence 'beyond preposterous': Amnesty

TORTURE Amnesty International Canada has joined the chorus calling for a public inquiry into the issue of detainees turned over to Afghan authorities by Canadian troops.

Opposition politicians are also demanding a formal inquiry into the prisoner situation.

Alex Neve, Amnesty Canada's secretary general, says only an inquiry can get to the bottom of allegations that people detained by Canadians were subsequently tortured in Afghan jails.

He called the government's defence of its policies "beyond preposterous."

Last week, Richard Colvin, once a senior Canadian diplomat in Afghanistan, told a Commons committee that he had warned top officials several times about torture in Afghan jails.

He said he believed innocent Afghans, turned over by Canadians, were abused behind bars.

Government ministers have tried to brush off Colvin's testimony, saying he relied on third-party accounts.

"The government's insistence that torture concerns are groundless is now beyond preposterous," Neve said yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parents scramble for crib info

RECALL Parents who bought a drop-side crib manufactured by a Vancouver-area company jammed its phone lines and crashed its website yesterday, scrambling for information on what's being called the largest-ever crib recall in North America.

Some are wondering why it took so long to announce the recall — the second this year for Richmond, B.C.-based Stork Craft — after some retailers had already started selling more solid versions of the crib a month ago.

More than 2.1 million cribs are being recalled after at least 15 infants were trapped. Four babies in the U.S. died of suffocation as a result. THE CANADIAN PRESS



French foreign minister praises Sudanese woman

France's foreign minister praised the courage of a journalist who has led a fight against a law in Sudan allowing for women to be flogged for wearing pants. Bernard Kouchner says Lubna Hussein is a model for showing the courage to rebel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Animal sacrifice begins

200,000 to be slaughtered as Hindu festival begins in Nepal

The ceremony began with prayers in a temple by tens of thousands of Hindus before dawn yesterday. Then it shifted to a nearby corral, where in the cold morning mist, scores of butchers wielding curved swords began slaughtering buffalo calves by hacking off their heads.



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A butcher prepares to kill a buffalo with his knife during a mass sacrifice ceremony in Nepal yesterday.

Over two days, 200,000 buffaloes, goats, chickens and pigeons will be killed as part of a blood-soaked festival held every five years to honour Gadhimai, a Hindu goddess of power.

While cows are sacred and protected by law in Nepal, animal sacrifice has a long history in this overwhelmingly Hindu country and parts of neighbouring India. The Bariyapur festival has become so big, in part, because such ceremonies have been banned in many areas in the neighbouring Indian state of Bihar.

And while it is criticized by animal-rights protesters, the festival is defended as a centuries-old tradition.

Many Nepalis believe that sacrifices in Gadhimai's honour will bring them prosperity. They also believe that by eating the meat, which is taken back to their villages and consumed during feasts, they will be protected from evil.

The ceremony, which goes back for generations, has enormous resonance in a country where the per capita income is about $25 a month, illiteracy is widespread and vast social divides have left millions working as tenant farmers for feudal landlords.

Even many educated Nepalis see value in the tradition.

Om Prasad, a banker from the nearby city of Birgunj, brought offerings of fruit and flowers to the festival, but said he believed people should be able to sacrifice animals if they want.

"It is their tradition, and it is fine if they continue to follow it. No one should try to tell them they can't follow what their ancestors did," he said.

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'It is my intention to finish the job'

WASHINGTON Signalling an imminent decision on new troop levels for the Afghanistan war, U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday he intends to "finish the job" on his watch and destroy terrorist networks in the region.

The president said he would announce his decision on how many additional soldiers to deploy to Afghanistan after U.S. Thanksgiving tomorrow.

The White House is aiming for an announcement by Obama next week, either Tuesday or possibly Wednesday, in a national address. Congressional hearings will follow immediately. Military officials and others expect Obama to settle on a middle-ground option that would deploy an eventual 32,000 to 35,000 additional U.S. forces to the conflict.

"It is my intention to finish the job," Obama said of the war in Afghanistan that has been going on for eight years — since shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001.

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News in brief

BELGIUM With a caretaker holding his hand, a Belgian man who was diagnosed as comatose for 23 years typed out a message yesterday that he felt reborn after decades of loneliness and frustration. Car-crash victim Rom Houben was diagnosed as being in a vegetative state but appears to have been conscious the whole time, doctors said. An expert using a specialized type of brain scan that was not available in the 1980s says he finally realized Houben was conscious and provided him with the equipment to communicate.



Houben

BAGHDAD Google is documenting Iraq's national museum and will post photos of its ancient treasures on the Internet next year, the company announced yesterday. The museum was ransacked after Saddam Hussein's ouster in April 2003, and only reopened to visitors this year.

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Comment

More hot air and the denial twist

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Unlike the baristas, bus drivers and people in the elevator, I have no idea what's going on with global warming.

I thought I did — once. I learned we were pumping tonnes of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. That increased the carbon dioxide count to record levels, unleashing a greenhouse effect that causes a rise in temperature, which has an impact on the delicate balance of nature.

But then it got political. Atmospheric carbon continues to reach record levels every year, but a whole bunch of clever people argue that climate change is a natural fluctuation in solar activity and there's nothing we can do about it.

Don't worry, be happy. Or something. I have no idea what the global warming deniers want to do; they're too busy denying. As far as I can tell, they don't want the rest of the world telling the developed nations — that's us — to reduce our carbon emissions. Let them clean up their own act first.

So is it better to whistle in the dark and let the planet take care of itself?

Unlike the baristas and bus drivers, I am not a climate scientist. Even if I were, I would probably not entirely agree with other scientists. It's hard enough to predict the local weather 24 hours in advance. The whole planet 50 to 100 years in advance? That's a job for a highly skilled climate expert like the guy at Starbucks.

The deniers are having an effect. A recent poll found the number of Americans who believe there is solid scientific evidence for global warming has decreased by 20 per cent to 57 per cent since 2007. Glaciers continue to melt, seas continue to warm, and climate continues to change. Just don't ask why.

So what happens now? Apparently, if we follow the deniers' advice, nothing. Business as usual. Kind of like Stephen Harper's government, which is merely relieved that the new greenhouse gas targets, originally set for the Copenhagen summit next month, have been postponed until the next round. Whew

Meanwhile, 4.4 new climate experts are born every second while the capacity of the planet is seriously overburdened by the 6.8 billion who already exist. That's a lot of expert hot air. I suppose we could try to cut it back and work together in the spirit of discovery before the oil runs out or, even worse, the water runs dry.

Or we could always just keep arguing. For that, we have the technology.

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Word on the street: Who do you think will win the Grey Cup?

Mike Clarke
age 41, Eastern Passage
A: Montreal because they won (on Sunday). I watch the NFL — I stopped watching the CFL but I'll watch the Grey Cup game.

Christie Wiswell
age 36, Halifax
A: I think Montreal. They're the better team. They've got a better quarterback.

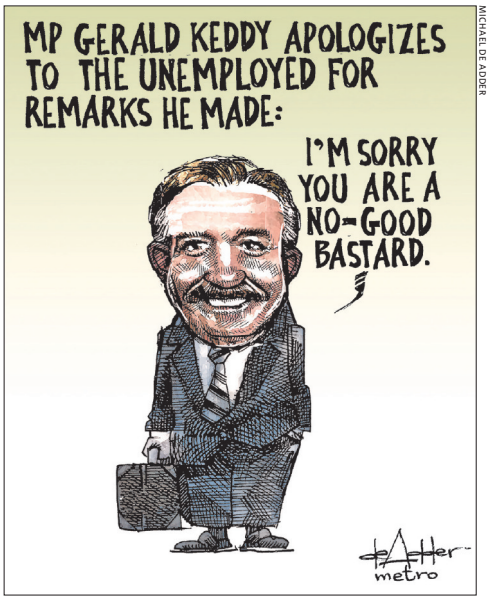
Stephan Handerek
age 31, Eastern Passage
A: I'm going to go with Montreal because of Anthony Calvillo. He's the man. He's a proven performer.

Rikki Drynan
age 20, Vancouver
A: Saskatchewan will win, I think they are just playing better this year. Saskatchewan, I believe, have the better defence and they will win through.

Brad Clarke
age 32, Edmonton
A: Montreal, because I don't like Saskatchewan fans. Don't mind the team but I don't like the fans.

Suzanne Desjarlais
age 33, Ottawa
A: I'd like to see Regina win, but probably Montreal because they're more consistent.





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Cheques to keep going round and round
A multimillion-dollar project by Canada's major banks, which would have cut carbon emissions and saved money, has been scrapped because of delays and complications, CBC News Online reports. The proposed system would have ended the practice of couriering about three million cheques around the country each day for processing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Report says living standards drop 4.3%

The recession as experienced by individual Canadians has been significantly longer and worse than the official record indicates, says a new report.

An analysis by Toronto-based Dale Orr Economic Insight found that Canada's economy has been on a downward spiral since 2007, not just since the fall of 2008 when the economy began contracting.

That's because once population growth is taken out of the calculation of the size of the economy, per capital gross domestic product has been contracting since 2008.

Orr said yesterday a truer measure of both the economy and how it is experienced by Canadians is real gross domestic product per capita. By that measure, Canadian standard of living fell both in 2008 and 2009 by a total of 4.3 per cent, or about one per cent more than the peak-to-trough drop in real GDP during the recession.

"From an individual's point of view, what really matters to them is not 'Is the economy growing?' but 'Is the economy growing enough so that there's more goods and services per person?'"

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Hit hardest

- The report estimates Albertans' standard of living has fallen 6.2 per cent since 2007, followed by Ontarians' by 5.8 per cent and residents of British Columbia, which saw their per capita GDP decline 5.3 per cent.

Gingerbread House **Season's eating**



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Executive sous chef Derek Ingraham applies icing to a winter scene inside a two-story gingerbread house that will adorn the lobby of The Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco yesterday. The gingerbread house, which opens Saturday, is made from 4,000 pieces of gingerbread, 400 pounds of royal icing, 100 pounds of candy, and eight gallons of chocolate and houses a room to write letters to Santa.

EI claims up 63% over year

BENEFITS The number of people receiving regular Employment Insurance benefits rose by 54,300, or 7.1 per cent in September after two months of declines.

The largest increases were in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

The number of beneficiaries reached 818,000, up 63.5 per cent from October 2008 when it hit its peak.

The largest year-over-year increases were in Ontario, B.C. and Alberta, most of them coming between October 2008 and June.

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Pujols repeats as MVP

Albert Pujols was unanimously voted National League MVP yesterday, becoming the first player to repeat since Barry Bonds won four in a row from 2001-04. Pujols received all 32 first-place votes and 448 points in balloting announced by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Andrews makes Team Atlantic

Brent Andrews, left, of the Halifax Mooseheads was named to Team Atlantic for the world under-17 hockey challenge, scheduled for Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 in Timmins, Ont. The rookie forward has a goal and three assists in 26 games. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Sports in brief

NHL Ottawa Senators starting goaltender Pascal Leclaire will be sidelined about a month with a broken cheekbone. He suffered the injury while sitting on the bench during Monday's game against Washington. A dump-in attempt by Senators centre Mike Fisher struck a stick and sailed into the Ottawa bench, rebounding off the glass and off the right side of Leclaire's face.

TENNIS Roger Federer bounced back once again after losing the first set, rallying to beat Andy Murray 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 yesterday at the ATP World Tour Finals and ensuring he will have the year-end No. 1 ranking for the fifth time. Federer dominated Murray in the final two sets, finally controlling play from his serve and also getting his forehand on target.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell sent a wide-ranging memo about concussions to NFL teams yesterday, saying the co-chairmen of the league's committee on brain injuries have resigned and that he is examining potential rule changes "to reduce head impacts."

ARENA New York's top court ruled yesterday that the state can use eminent domain to force homeowners and businesses to sell their properties for a massive development in Brooklyn that includes a new arena for the New Jersey Nets. In a 6-1 ruling yesterday, the Court of Appeals said the Empire State Development Corp.'s finding that the area was blighted was enough to justify taking the land.

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Marc-Andre Bergeron's second goal of the game was the winner last night as the injury-riddled Montreal Canadiens scored three times in the third period for a 5-3 comeback win against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Mike Cammalleri, Glen Metropolit and Maxim Lapierre also scored for Montreal, while Tomas Plekanec had two assists for the Canadiens (12-11-1), who were missing seven regulars due to injury and another because of suspension.

Antoine Vermette scored twice and Anton Stralman also had a goal for the Blue Jackets (12-8-3), who are 1-2-1 on their season-high five-game road trip.

Rick Nash had two assists for Columbus, ending his only pointless streak of the season at two games.

Carey Price made 33 saves for the Canadiens, including 25 through the first two periods to give his team a chance for only its second third-period comeback win of the season.

It was the first time in six starts that Price allowed three goals, but he still improved his record over that stretch to 4-1-1 with a .938 save percentage and 2.11 goals-against average.

Blue Jackets netminder Mathieu Garon allowed all five goals on 29 shots. Columbus has now allowed 16 goals on 110 shots and is winless over its last three games

Plekanec and Kostitsyn each extended their point streaks to four games as the Canadiens scored five goals for the first time in 14 contests.

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Montreal Canadiens teammates Josh Gorges, Mike Cammalleri, centre, and Andrei Kostitsyn celebrate a goal against the Columbus Blue Jackets last night by teammate Marc-Andre Bergeron.

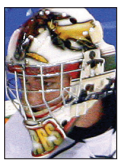
Corbeil expected to be in Herd's net this weekend

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Mathieu Corbeil is expected to be between the pipes for the Halifax Mooseheads this weekend.

The Mooseheads' 18-year-old starting goaltender has an injured pinky finger on his catching hand and should know today whether or not it is broken. Either way, he isn't expected to miss games on Saturday against the Quebec Remparts and Sunday against the Bathurst Titan at the Metro Centre.

Already without defencemen Garrett Clarke and Konrad Abeltshauser because of knee injuries, the Herd can't afford to lose Corbeil on the hottest streak of his career.



Mathieu Corbeil

"I'm not too concerned about it," said Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell. "Even if it is broken, we'll just splint it up and he'll have to play through some pain. I'd really be surprised if it was going to keep him out of any more games."

Corbeil is 4-2-1 in his past seven starts and has a 1.85 goals-against average and a .944 save percentage. The streak earned him a pair of QMJHL defensive-player-of-the-week honours and helped him get ranked second in the league among goalies for the 2010 NHL draft by Central Scouting.

As for Clarke and Abeltshauser, neither is expected back any time soon. They both saw the team doctor yesterday and should know more about a potential return date today.

Clarke, who leads the team's defencemen with three goals and nine assists in 20 games, will miss at least another week, while Abeltshauser, who has two goals and eight assists in 17 games, will likely miss even more time.

The last-place Mooseheads, 5-20-2, are on a three-game losing streak after a weekend road trip to Quebec.

Saab recalled

- Halifax's Ian Saab has been recalled by the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles. Saab, who was drafted in the fourth round (59th overall) of June's draft, had two assists and 27 penalty minutes in seven games with the junior A Halifax Lions.

Cherry biopic doesn't hold back realism

TV In his role as the outspoken star of CBC's Coach's Corner, Don Cherry is hardly shy about going after players for lousy sportsmanship or half-hearted play. So when CBC-TV decided to shoot a biopic of Cherry's life, he didn't want the film to pull any punches.

"A couple producers said: 'Jeez, (you) don't look too good in this,'" Cherry said yesterday. "There's no lying about it. ... I only thought of myself, I never thought of the family a lot."



Don Cherry

Keep Your Head Up Kid: The Don Cherry Story will debut March 28 and 29.

Written by Cherry's son, Timothy, the film follows the man nicknamed Grapes from his youth as an aspiring hockey pro through the 16 seasons he spent toiling in the minors, uprooting his family again and again, before he found success as a coach and, eventually, a TV personality.

Jared Keeso (I Love You, Beth Cooper) plays Cherry in the film. The 25-year-old native of Listowel, Ont., says he grew up playing junior hockey and staying up on Saturday nights to watch Coach's Corner.

While he calls Cherry an "icon," Keeso also praises the flamboyantly clad commentator for his honest lack of vanity with the more unflattering material.

"The good thing about Don that really speaks to his character is that he just wanted the truth told," he said.

"He didn't want anything sugar-coated. He wanted it exactly like it was."

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Buffalo	20	12	6	2	54	50	26
Boston	23	11	8	4	57	58	26
Philadelphia	21	12	8	1	73	59	25
Tampa Bay	21	9	5	7	56	63	25
N.Y. Rangers	23	12	10	1	72	65	25
Montreal	24	12	11	1	62	69	25
N.Y. Islanders	24	9	8	7	67	74	25
Atlanta	20	10	7	3	71	61	23
Florida	22	10	9	3	62	72	23
Toronto	22	4	11	7	57	82	15
Carolina	23	5	13	5	53	83	15

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d-Chicago	22	15	5	2	70	49	32
d-Colorado	24	14	7	3	74	71	31
Calgary	22	13	6	3	69	62	29
Dallas	23	11	6	6	70	65	28
Los Angeles	24	13	9	2	73	75	28
Nashville	22	13	8	1	53	57	27
Columbus	23	12	8	3	72	84	27
Phoenix	24	13	10	1	59	59	27
Detroit	22	11	7	4	68	64	26
Vancouver	23	12	11	0	67	60	24
Edmonton	24	10	11	3	72	75	23
St. Louis	21	8	9	4	50	54	20
Anaheim	22	8	11	3	63	75	19
Minnesota	22	8	12	2	54	68	18

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Sonata with direct injection
Hyundai has unveiled its first direct-injection gasoline engine, which is expected to first appear in the redesigned Sonata in the first half of 2010. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Metro Drive



Mazda2 on its way

The 2011 Mazda2 will make its North American debut at the 2009 Los Angeles Auto Show next month, and will be sold in Canada and the U.S. beginning in late 2010. The Mazda2 was named the 2008 World Car of the Year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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VW Golf on the double

Volkswagen welcomes a new addition to the Golf family for 2010, the Golf Wagon that replaces the Jetta Wagon in the lineup.

This is the sixth generation of the Golf, which has sold more than 26 million units around world in the past 35 years, making it the all-time best selling model for Volkswagen, surpassing even the legendary Beetle.

During those years, the Golf has also been known as the Rabbit in North America, but that name is gone for 2010 as the car returns as a Golf on this side of the ocean.

Volkswagen calls the Golf family "the most comprehensive model lineup available to Canadian consumers" and it's hard to argue, considering the addition of the Wagon to the lineup.

Golf is now a family of four with the three- and five-door hatchbacks and the "hot hatch" GTI in addition to the Wagon. In fact, there are even more variations when you consider the GTI is offered in both three- and five-door models and some Golfs are available with either gasoline or clean diesel engines.



Top, the original hatchback is back in the form of the 2010 Volkswagen Golf GTI;

2010 VW Golf Wagon & GTI

Type: five-door wagon and three- and five-door hatchback GTI
Price: $22,675 to $31,875, GTI, $28,675 to $31,075

Highlights

- Plenty of interior and leg room in the wagon
- Only clean diesel compact wagon available in the market
- More standard features in GTI model

While the other hatchbacks are built in Wolfsburg, Germany, the Golf Wagon comes to North America from Mexico.

It is the largest Golf ever, with the most interior room and plenty of leg and headroom.

About 75 per cent of all Jetta Wagons sold in Canada these days are diesels and Volkswagen expects that trend to carry over with the Golf Wagon. This car really has no competition in the marketplace— it's the only clean diesel compact wagon available.

The TDI Wagon, with the 2.0-litre 140 hp clean diesel engine, has torque galore, 236 lb/ft to be exact at 1,750 rpm. Mated with a six-speed twin clutch DSG transmission it offers great performance and exceptional fuel economy.

In fact, it achieves slightly better fuel economy than the six-speed manual transmission, while shifting gears precisely within four one-hundredths of a second. It also has a range of 1,190 kilometres on a tank of fuel.

The Wagon starts at $22,675 for the Trendline model with five-speed manual transmission. A six-speed automatic adds $1,400 to the price tag.

Meanwhile, the original GTI is back for another go-around. It's priced $700 more than last year, but has more standard features.

After a test drive, it was easy to see why the GTI has become an icon in the "hot hatch" category. The GTI gets off the line quickly and the handling is sure and precise, even in tight hairpin turns.

But the real fun was watching the pros in action during some "hot laps" at the end of the session. That's where you really see what these cars can do in the right hands.

Among the features on the GTI, priced from $28,675 to $31,075 are bi-xenon adaptive front headlights, a premium touch screen audio system, Sirius satellite radio and Bluetooth connectivity. Options include a luxury leather package ($2,600.

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The 2010 Toyota FJ Cruiser

FJ Cruiser: Adventure upgraded

2010 MODEL Toyota Canada has just announced that for 2010, the FJ Cruiser has adopted an upgraded more powerful and fuel efficient engine, and improved suspension tuning and power steering.

"As with the legendary Land Cruisers that inspired it, the Toyota FJ Cruiser has developed an enthusiastic and loyal following of owners who value maximum capability and utility to help realize their adventures — from deep woods camping and back country skiing to navigating the urban jungle," said Warren Orton, director at Toyota Canada Inc.

"This year we've made some great changes under the hood to deliver more power with less fuel required and enhanced suspension and steering. The result: the 2010 FJ is even more capable on the trail, yet equally comfortable to drive on the pavement."

Also available for the 2010 model is a brand new colour, Army Green.

The new Cruiser with six-speed manual transmission carries a manufacturer's suggested retail price starting at $31,500.

FROM CARGUIDE

An air warrior inside your cabin

Driving Force

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Auto fumes, airborne pollutants, smog — it's a nasty world out there. Keeping it all outside is the job of Lexus' new Automatic Recirculation Control.

All cars have a recirculation button on their climate control, which keeps outside air from entering the cabin, but you must adjust those manually. The Lexus system does it automatically, even keeping out some odourless and potentially harmful pollutants you may not realize are there.

"The system has a sensor right behind the grille," says Glenn Alkema, team lead at the Lexus Academy in Toronto.

"It is always detecting carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and nitrous oxides — essentially, smog. It's basically the same type of sensor that's in the carbon monoxide alarm in your house.

When it senses levels in excess of a certain quantity, it closes the flaps that allow air to come in from outside, so we're not bringing any more smog into the interior of the vehicle."

While it's not intended to detect obnoxious odours, the system did an excellent job of identifying a dead skunk I passed on the side of the road.

Without the system on, the stench immediately filled my test vehicle.

When I drove past it again with the system activated, the green light came on to indicate it had detected pollutants and was actively keeping them out.

"It isn't designed specifically for animal odour, but there may be something in the makeup of skunk odour that triggered the sensor," Alkema says. In any case, it was impossible to tell that the critter was there.



Lexus' new Automatic Recirculation Control keeps out harmful gases, such as carbon monoxide, and obnoxious odours from entering you car cabin.



Ford Fusion Motor Trend's Car of the Year
The Ford Fusion has been named Motor Trend's 2010 Car of the Year. The 2010 edition marks the award's 60th year, the longest-standing editorial automotive award of its time. CANADIANDRIVER.COM



The well-masked engine compartment of the Lexus GS 450h.

There's a stranger under the hood



"Does anybody know what his or her engine looks like these days? Would you recognize your Camry's 2.4-litre I4 if it accosted you on the sidewalk one day?"

Stay out of the engine compartment." That's what you automakers are saying, or at least implying, when we owners lift the hood of our cars, and are confronted with nicely-finished plastic coverings as far as the eye can see — but precious little actual mechanical or electrical components.

Some makes, like BMW, have even got rid of the engine oil dipstick, replacing it with a sensor and a dash readout.

I didn't ask to be born this way, but I am one of those people, and I know there are more than a few of us, who actually like to pull out the engine oil dipstick on occasion, to check the level, AND to contemplate the cleanliness of said engine oil. See it with our eyes, so to speak.

The other reason I would lament the demise of the dipstick, is that it just might be one of the best words in the automotive lexicon. Dipstick.

You can't even say it, without the slight anticipatory joy of maybe using it to describe a loved one or a colleague in the near future.

Try that with its possible successor… "I can't believe you just did that, you, you sensor with a dash readout." Just doesn't ring true.

But with or without the dipstick, the entire plasticized engine compartment is still, in my books, a questionable modern advancement.

As we mentioned right off the top, it basically says, "don't touch." Do they think most of want to fondle an exhaust gas recirculation valve, just for the fun of it? Give us a bit of credit here. It's a bit like those labels on aerosol shaving cream cans that advise us to keep them away from open flames. I mean, even if you did that once, you'd never do it again.

The other aspect that galls is that it's hard to see the actual design of the engine components and of the engine itself. Sometimes you can't even tell if it's a four- or a six-cylinder motor under that maze of wires and plastic.

Back in the day when engine compartments were less busy, you'd proudly throw open the hood to show off the sheer bulk of your big-block V8 — a very recognizable shape. Lots of engines were equally visually interesting and recognizable, like VW's flat-four, Chrysler's slant six, and Jaguar's DOHC straight six.

Does anybody know what his or her engine looks like these days? Would you recognize your Camry's 2.4-litre I4 if it accosted you on the sidewalk one day?

My final point, is that an engine compartment that looks like the insides of a computer, is just another marker in the road that's evolving the automobile into more of a commodity and/or appliance, and to a place where it is less defined by what it's packing, "under the hood."

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A 2004 hatchback Toyota Echo

Echo way to go funky and frugal

Just watch for brake-related recalls

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MODEL: 2000 to 2005 Toyota Echo

VEHICLE TYPE: Subcompact /Economy

APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $3,500 to $11,500

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: Replaced by the Yaris in 2006, the Toyota Echo enjoyed a successful life and furthered Toyota's reputation for economical and reliable small cars.

Depending on the year in question, shoppers will find two-door, four-door or hatchback models available. Echo was a good way for a variety of drivers to get around without breaking the bank.

That's mainly thanks to its tiny 1.5 litre engine with a touch over 100 horsepower. Gas mileage is very miserly, and those solely using Echo as a second car will likely visit the gas station very infrequently. A CD player was standard, as were 14-inch wheels and tilt steering.

A four-speed automatic or five-speed stick was available, and all models were front wheel drive. Driven moderately, Echo should achieve average fuel economy around 6L / 100km.

Opt for one of the hatchback models where possible. They're arguably sportier looking as well as more useful for a wide variety of tasks.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Fuel economy, Toyota's reputation and the Echo's funky styling were typically rated as the biggest draw to the Echo. Echo's plentiful storage compartments and relatively tall, commanding driving position were also appreciated. Entry and exit are reportedly easy, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Some owners aren't in love with the Echo's cyclopic, centre-mounted instrument cluster, and many report that its less-than-stable to drive in heavy winds on the highway.

COMMON ISSUES: Run the climate control system through all fan speeds, temperature settings and outlets– ensuring the temperature selector actually changes the temperature of the air and that the knob moves freely and without undue resistance. If that's not the case, a replacement temperature control mechanism is required.

Note the gear shifting on any model with an automatic transmission, as well as the clutch feel on vehicles with a manual. Any clutch slippage or rough operation from an automatic gearbox should be investigated.

Inspect the condition of the paint, noting any rust that may be forming. Tires and brakes should also be inspected to ensure the former owner isn't trying to sell you a brake job or worn-out set of tires.

Second Gear

Note that Echo was subjected to a list of recalls to correct issues with the braking system. These recalls addressed possibly faulty vacuum lines and seals in the braking system, and they should be addressed if they haven't been already. Another recall dealt with the potential for snow and ice to build up in the rear wheels, which could damage brake lines.

Make sure these free but important safety-related recall items were performed to the vehicle you're considering. Ask the vehicles former owner, or take its VIN number to your nearest Toyota dealership to be sure.

THE VERDICT: Find a good deal on a well maintained Echo, and you're likely in for an inexpensive and worry-free driving experience for years to come. Just be sure the important recall work has been completed.

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Automotive in brief

STATS A new poll by the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) has found that drivers want to take a leadership role in reducing car emissions, and even with the economic downturn, this has not dampened the environment as a household priority. According to the survey, some 56 per cent of Canadians believe that reducing the environmental impact of driving would make a big difference in terms of environmental progress overall.

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New SFU portal
Simon Fraser University has unveiled a new microsite for prospective students called Solutions for the Future. Visitors to the portal can explore programs offered at SFU, read a blog and participate in a short-essay contest for prizes; see sfusolutions.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Language dispute

Students at Champlain College, the only English CEGEP in Quebec's Eastern Townships, are unhappy with the Parti Québécois' proposal to limit access to education in English. The party wants stricter language rules to force the majority of students into French colleges. One Chaplain student says more Quebec students are pursuing bilingual or English college education to improve job prospects. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A seasonal tree can take years of effort

'Tis the **Season**

Over the next few weeks Metro's Workology section will be shining a light on some of the jobs that pop up around the holiday season and dissappear just as quickly afterwards. Check back every Wednesday.

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

Rome wasn't built in a day. Neither is the Christmas tree many Canadians will have on display in their homes this holiday season.

Even though it may only take an afternoon to decorate — usually with the help of loved ones, some seasonal music and a couple of glasses of grandpa's cough syrup — the story behind the tree is something much greater.

In fact, by the time the tree has been dressed up and charged with the duty of keeping gifts warm until Christmas morning, it's quite likely to have battled the outdoor elements for seven to 12 years.

At Chickadee Christmas Trees in Cambridge, Ont., owner Alison McCrindle says that growing Christmas trees in her part of the world is no easy task. With extreme heat in the summer, unique soil conditions and the possibility of disease that can ruin a year's crop all in play, growing a Christmas tree may be a little more difficult than you think.

McCrindle's farm sits on eight acres of land and is capable of growing about 8,000 trees. Every year, she estimates, they sell about 1,000, which means that every year she and her family get out on the farm, dig the holes, plant the seeds and make sure they're watered and later pruned.

They grow Scotch pines, white spruce, balsam fir and white pine trees, each with different features to cater to customers' various needs.

"Some people like the Scotch pine because they like the way it smells," she says. "It reminds people of the traditional Christmas."

She says, however, that fir trees are becoming more popular because of the longer life span and shorter needles.

Located about 45 minutes from Toronto, the farm sells pre-cut trees or lets people go out and harvest their own. They provide saws and sleds, as well as activities for the kids.

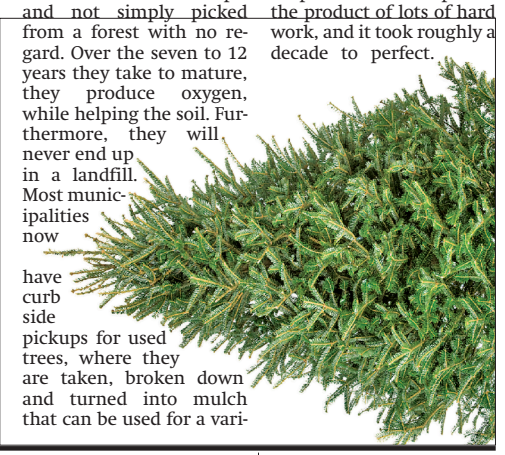
For those who need a little warming up, there is apple cider available to complete the experience.

Some people, of course, think it's more effective to save themselves the trouble and just buy a fake plastic tree. However, McCrindle is quick to point out the misconceptions many have when making that decision.

"I'm a believer in the real tree," she says. "Environmentally, it's a better decision."

She explained that Christmas trees are crops, and not simply picked from a forest with no regard. Over the seven to 12 years they take to mature, they produce oxygen, while helping the soil. Furthermore, they will never end up in a landfill. Most municipalities now have curb side pickups for used trees, where they are taken, broken down and turned into mulch that can be used for a variety of purposes.

So, there you have it: This symbol of Christmas is much more than a tree-shaped Mr. Dressup. It's the product of lots of hard work, and it took roughly a decade to perfect.



This straight shooter knows what he's looking for

Dragons' Den
Dianne Buckner
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Jim Treliving knows a thing or two about picking a winner — whether it's a new employee, a partner or an investment. Jim is the tall, well-dressed straight shooter on Dragons' Den. As you see every week at the beginning of the show, he used to be a Mountie, before he started building the Boston Pizza chain. He's also a heck of a good guy.

But he's tough. And he knows what he likes — especially when he's interviewing candidates for a job. "I can usually make a call in the first 15 seconds," says Jim. "There are a few things that strike me right away, that let me know whether this person has a shot or not." He says making eye contact is important. It shows confidence. Treliving also looks for someone who's tidy — no soup stains or untucked shirts! — and enthusiastic. He can tell pretty quickly when someone is genuinely eager to get into business with him one way or another.

"I like to know if they're a self-starter," says Jim. "If a person needs to be given a list of things to do, they probably aren't a fit with the company."

Of course Jim has also been on the other side of the desk, trying to convince someone he's got what it takes. In fact, he had to do it with his own father.

After he left the RCMP, he wanted to buy into Boston Pizza, a restaurant started in Edmonton by an immigrant to Canada from Greece. But Jim didn't have the money, so he had to convince his father to co-sign a loan.

Boston Pizza now has over 300 locations in Canada. He truly is "the food dude," as Kevin calls him on tonight's episode. Which is likely why an entrepreneur with a food-related business is so eager to partner with him on tonight's show. Does this pitcher meet Jim's exacting standards? Watch tonight and you'll see.

Dianne Buckner is the host of the Gemini-winning Dragons' Den and on of the weekend anchors on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

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Future lies in diversity

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Glamourous new condos are springing up to lure young professionals to the downtown core.

During a recent business trip to Milwaukee, Halifax downtown councillor Dawn Sloane was struck by the absence of life in the American city's centre.

"Many cities at this point in time, their downtowns are dead," she reflects. She was relieved to return to Halifax's lively downtown and sees its development as crucial to the future of the whole of HRM.

The history and future of downtown is diversity, she says. "We have everything from low-income to high income, from the homeless to those that are not — we have it all, when it comes to housing and constituents," she says. "We want to keep a mix that keeps that buzz in the air and keeps the place interesting to live in."

So while glamorous new condos sprout up to lure young professionals downtown, affordable housing finds a place too.

She points to recent housing developments on Creighton and Maynard streets in her own neighbourhood.

"That's 19 people who would have been homeless," she says. "We're trying to make sure things are balanced so we don't gentrify the neighbourhood. We make sure there's housing for everyone."

She's a fan of HRM by Design, too. The blueprint for HRM's physical future envisions more people living and walking downtown.

"It talks about complete neighbourhoods, about having it so things are walkable, that streetscapes are esthetically pleasing and make you want to walk down the street," she says. Walkable neighbourhoods build community and protect the environment, as people don't automatically hop into their car when they go out the front door.

Sloane would also like to see the Granville Mall find a twin on Argyle Street, with the area either becoming fully pedestrianized or closing to cars in the evening.

The key to much of the planned growth is luring residents.

"I would hope that we could achieve the goal of more population within District 12," she says. Pulling people back to the centre after years of outward sprawl would help build amenities downtown, support local, small-scale stores and cut back on the traffic problems of getting suburbanites to work in the city core.

"In doing so, we create community again and you get to know your neighbours," she says.

Many projects in development along Halifax's waterfront

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

The Halifax waterfront has come a long way since the 1950s, when ordinary citizens could barely access the water.

The boardwalk was expanded this summer, meaning the wooden planks stretch almost the entire three kilometres from Pier 21 to Casino Nova Scotia.

Colin MacLean, CEO of the Waterfront Corporation, took Metro on a virtual tour of the present and near future.

He started with the recently refurbished Cable Wharf. The home of Murphy's on the Waterfront is finishing a $2-million upgrade that allows it to open year-round.

"What we anticipate to see in the spring is joint work we're going to do on an interpretive program," MacLean says.

The public boardwalk around Murphy's will draw attention to its roots as the site where telecommunication cables started their trans-Atlantic journey. Titanic victims were also temporarily stored there during the recovery operation.

"We're going to try to bring that history to life," he says.

The Salter Block Development next to Bishop's Landing is in the "deep planning phase," MacLean says.

The parking lot is to be turned into a hotel-apartment-commercial complex with a one-acre public park. The plans were slowed by the economic downturn, but he's hopeful to see work beginning next year.

Big plans are in the works for the Cunard parking lot next door to the Nova Scotia Power headquarters that is also undergoing extensive rebuilding.

"We're getting some consultants to help us think through what some of the options might be there," MacLean says.

"The broad idea will be guided by HRM by Design. I suspect it will be more on the residential side."

Like Bishop's Landing, that will include commercial activity on the ground floor. In the meantime, the Waterfront Corp. is looking to expand the vendor kiosks on the waterfront. The food, beverage and souvenir shacks currently cluster around Queens Landing but may expand to the Cunard site until the area is redeveloped.

"We've had a number of people talk about that location, particularly with the increased number of cruise ship activity. It might provide some interesting entrepreneurial opportunities," he says.

The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic has long been rumoured to be on the cusp of expansion, but Dave Denny of the province's department of tourism and culture pours cold water on that idea.

"There's been no decision of expansion of the MMA. That's just not in the works at this point," he says.





By the numbers
Approximately 20,000 people work in the core of downtown Halifax. **DOWNTOWNHALIFAX.CA**

Spring Garden still going strong

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

It's a tale of two cities for business in downtown Halifax. Spring Garden Road is going strong while the downtown core regroups ahead of several major planned developments.


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Sales along Halifax's prime pedestrian shopping area, Spring Garden Road, have been rising for 18 months.

Bernard Smith, head of the Spring Garden Road Business Association, says sales along Halifax's prime pedestrian shopping area have been rising for 18 months and they're expecting last year's "very good" Christmas to be repeated this year.

"I have a waiting list of people to get in," he says of retailers. "Principal among these is a hardware store, which I can't accommodate because we just don't have the square footage."

While the Thirsty Duck and Minstrels have failed on the east end, Smith says the strong performance of Your Father's Moustache at the opposite end shows that bar/restaurants can thrive in the area.

Smith is excited about spreading business up Spring Garden's side streets, with plans for "The Mews" by Saint Mary's Cathedral, a string of smaller shops that would link Spring Garden to Barrington Street.

The other big news is the Central Library, which will replace the current library on the corner of Queen and Spring Garden. Smith says businesses in the area are hoping not to lose parking south of Spring Garden as the city sells real estate to pay for the new facility.

"We're trying to make sure the city doesn't take two of them out at the same time, which would be fatal," he says of the lots.

Paul MacKinnon, executive director of the Downtown Halifax Business Commission, says there was a lot of buzz 18 months ago as downtown office vacancy rates hit an all-time low.

"It looked like there was a lot of development that was going to happen, and I guess it's a little bit less optimistic than it was," he says.

Some of those projects, like Twisted Sisters and the Waterside Centre, are cleared to go, but haven't started. "There's maybe a little bit of a race between some of these projects moving forward. I think we're more optimistic about some than others," MacKinnon says.

Other empty spaces, like the Sam's store on Barrington, have businesses who would like to operate in the space, but the property owners want to redevelop the sites first.

The downtown core could get a major jumpstart next spring, with plans expected for a new convention centre.

"That's really going to provide a catalyst for the entire downtown, both retail and office space, and certainly hotels," he says.

Neptune eyes new version of timeless classic

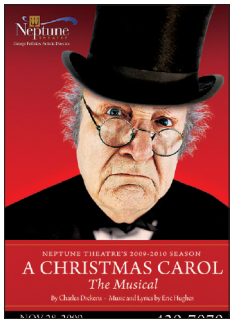
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A Christmas Carol is a story everyone can relate to.

"It's such a classic story," says actor Ian Gilmore. "I think it's something that touches everyone. Everyone's suffered a loss. Everyone can relate to it."

Gilmore is playing the role of Bob Cratchit in Neptune Theatre's latest production, A Christmas Carol: The Musical. Cratchit is the abused and underpaid employee of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Although A Christmas Carol is a staple of many theatre companies at Christmas, this version is a first.



Neptune Theatre's A Christmas Carol: The Musical starts Saturday and runs until Jan. 3, 2010.

"It's a premiere," says Neptune's artistic director George Pothitos, who also serves as the director of the musical. Neptune commissioned the musical score and lyrics for this production. The show begins Saturday and runs until Jan. 3, 2010.

Presenting a brand-new version of the timeless classic is exciting, says Pothitos.

"It was fascinating to hear it the first time," he says. "It's like an idea that just becomes 3D right in front of you."

Pothitos describes A Christmas Carol as a story of redemption and the fact that it's never too late to change one's ways.

"So many times we hear people say, 'Oh, I'm too old for that. Oh, it's too late for that.' It's a good way to remind us that it's never too late and that there's always hope," says Pothitos.

He says people will walk away from the production humming some tunes, along with "a warm feeling that will help them on their journey through the holidays."

Gilmore shares a similar thought.

"I think they're going to walk away a little more in touch with themselves that night," he says.

"It really does move you to see the marked change in one man over the course of the evening. We see a lot of ghosts of his past, along with mistakes he's made and I think they're all things we can relate to."

But the musical isn't completely dark.

"Certainly, there's a lot of good fun in it as well," says Gilmore.

"It's not this morbidly dark piece or anything like that. It has the spirit of Christmas in it and there are a lot of warm moments and a lot of love comes across that stage."

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Gauthier returning to art gallery

JON TATTRIE
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The last time Montreal artist Jean-Pierre Gauthier skated into Halifax, it was to express his lack of enthusiasm for the national game in Arena: The Art of Hockey at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

His contribution to the exhibition was Flirting with the Puck, a kinetic sculpture with two hockey sticks endlessly and pointlessly battling for the rubber.

The Sobey Award-winner is returning east next month with Machines at Play, highlights from his work over the past 10 years. Gauthier says he plays with his art for a long time before showing it to the public.

"I make them work many months before in my studio ... I just want to see them perform and they have to be entertaining for me after they've been working for weeks," he says.

"They have to have this randomness in their system, which makes them quite interesting to look at."

A centrepiece to the Halifax show is Le Cagibi, a sprawling, messy work that brings the janitor's closet to the art gallery floor. That makes him a big hit with gallery cleaning staff.

"They're always smiling when they see me. They relate to the installation — they find it quite funny," he says. "It's about the invisibleness of the cleaning staff. You don't see them, they're always in the basement."

His homage to that critical part of a museum is also very personal: His mother worked as a cleaner after she retired. "I have a great respect for that career," he says.

Sarah Fillmore, acting chief curator at the AGNS, says Gauthier's exhibit appeals to a huge range of people.

"It crosses so many fields. It appeals to scientists, mathematicians, musicians, tinkerers," she says, as well as art fans.

Opening Dec. 20 and running until March 15, Machines at Play is all about involving the visitor in the art. Uncertainty Markers, a wall installation, skates along creating automatic drawings that grow as the exhibition goes on, while Beats and Butterflies is a piano that plays tunes in response to a visitor's motion.

Go to sites.google.com/site/jpgauthiermachines for a tour of Gauthier's work, including videos of the installation pieces.

"In all of his work, he's just really methodical about finding something interesting and some way to show a different side of art work," Fillmore says.



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Works from Le Cagibi, a kinetic and sound installation by Jean-Pierre Gauthier.



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The Black Market Boutique is known for its great prices and for being "filled to the brim" with products.

Black Market popular

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Halifax

If jewelry, clothing and dream catchers are on your shopping list, head to the Black Market Boutique and cross them all off.

Located on Grafton Street just a few steps away from Pizza Corner, the Black Market is known for its great prices and for being "filled to the brim" with products, says manager Lauren Parsons.

"We just have a lot of inexpensive stuff," she says. "You can get a lot from here for little."

Parsons explains there is no middleman, so these savings are passed on to the customer. The shop owners go to Asia every year for buying trips and visit countries such as Thailand, Nepal and India. Sometimes, the buying trips include a visit to South America.

Parsons will be heading on her sixth buying trip in January.

She says these trips allow them to better understand who they are getting the product from.

"It's cool to get to know the people and come back every year," she says. "Plus, it's great to shop."

Inside the shop, world music handpicked by the staff plays as a pleasant aroma drifts through the air. One of the things The Black Market is known for is its selection of incense.

"I love it here. I love the atmosphere. It's very relaxed."
Morgan Abrams

"It's a staple here," says Parsons. There are about 50 types available, including vanilla and coconut.

Asked if that makes it the shop with the most incense in Halifax, Parsons is unsure.

"I have never contemplated that question," she says, but she figures they probably are.

The shop is popular with people of all ages, but especially students. One of those students is Morgan Abrams.

"I love it here," says the 20-year-old. "I love the atmosphere. It's very relaxed."

Abrams says she comes to the store once a week to check things out and "gravitates towards whatever catches her eye."

The shop is celebrating its 21st anniversary this year and marked the occasion last Saturday with the day's sales being donated to Feed Nova Scotia, the Ecology Action Centre, Act of Living and The Themba Project.

The shop also had a day last year where it celebrated its 20th anniversary by donating the day's sales to different causes.

"We're trying to keep that as a tradition," says Parsons.

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Halifax hops with holiday happenings

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With so many holiday events happening in Halifax over the next few weeks, deciding what to do, rather than finding something to do, will be the challenge most people face.

If you've ever wondered what a Victorian Christmas was like, the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site is celebrating its **20th annual Victorian Christmas**.

"Let the spiced apple cider warm your hands and the sound of carolling children warm your heart," says an advertisement for the event happening on Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. There will be Victorian games and performances by local choirs and dance groups.

Also on Nov. 28 is the **Christmas tree lighting ceremony** at the Grand Parade. Join Mayor Peter Kelly and members of the regional council for live music and fireworks.

"It's a family-oriented event with a wonderful Christmas program," says event co-ordinator Mike Gillett in an e-mail. "It can draw up to 10,000 people."

If you're looking for an opportunity to wear a kilt, the **Amethyst Scottish Dancers of Nova Scotia** are putting on their third annual yuletide show. This year's theme is "An East Coast Christmas" and it's happening Nov. 29 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

"We've had marvellous feedback" says the group's publicist, Gerry MacPhail. "Everybody who has seen it in the last two years has loved it and I think this year will be our best yet."



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The Amethyst Scottish Dancers of Nova Scotia will put on their third annual yuletide show at the Rebbeca Cohn Auditorium on Nov. 29.

MacPhail says it's a great opportunity for Scots to "shed their trousers and don their kilts."

The holidays wouldn't be complete without a showing of **The Nutcracker**. Symphony Nova Scotia will present the holiday ballet classic from Dec. 4-12 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

For those of Jewish faith, the **lighting of the menorah** to celebrate Chanukah will happen Dec. 14 at the Grand Parade. There will be a reception in City Hall after the menorah lighting.

There will also be lots of Christmas concerts happening, including shows by **The Rankin Sisters** and **John Gracie**. The Rankin Sisters will be playing Dec. 16 at the Cohn, and John Gracie will be performing at the Schooner Showroom at Casino Nova Scotia on Dec. 18.





‘A bit of everything’

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Halifax

Now in its 25th year, the Dalplex Christmas Craft Market has developed a reputation as being one of the best craft markets around.

“A lot of people say it’s the best show in the city,” says Brenda MacNeil, the co-ordinator of the event. “A lot of new vendors contact me to come to our show saying they see other people and they say, ‘Oh, you should be in the Dalplex show.’ It’s got a good reputation.”

Karen Wilson agrees. She’s a painter and will be there at this year’s show.

“Dalplex is kind of the crème de la crème,” she says. “It’s got excellent vendors there, really good quality and a good mix.”

This year will mark her seventh year as a vendor at the show.

The show is juried, meaning getting in involves an application process.



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The Dalplex Christmas Craft Market starts on Friday.

“Somebody who wants to be a vendor, they have to come in and meet with us and we look at their product to see if it’s up to standards,” says MacNeil.

The show will feature almost 140 vendors.

“We try not to get too many of the same items,” says MacNeil, “like too many jewellers or potters. We try to have a little bit of everything.”

The show is also known for its wide aisles.

“The place is nice and roomy,” says Wilson. “There’s no crowding.”

There’s also live music, a spacious rest area and a charity coat check. There will also be two booths set-up for non-profit groups so that they can promote their group and fundraise.

There will also be a food drive for Feed Nova Scotia. People who donate a non-perishable food item will be entered into a draw for a prize.

Putting together the event is a year-round affair, says MacNeil.

“I start sending out the contracts in January to the vendors who are here the previous year,” she says.

“It’s an ongoing process.”

The three-day event starts Friday, and runs until Sunday. Regular admission is $6 and there is a $5 fee for seniors 55 and older, Dalplex members and Dalhousie students. A weekend pass for $10 is also available.

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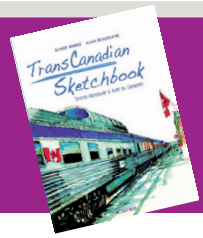
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TRAVEL ResponsibleTravel.com has stopped offering a carbon offset program for travellers. The company was one of the first travel organizations to introduce carbon offsets in 2002. The concept involves offsetting the amount of carbon emissions created by air travel by inviting travellers to pay for the planting of trees or other actions that reduce carbon elsewhere. Carbon emissions contribute to global warming. Responsible Travel has said they are shifting their focus from offsetting to reducing emissions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Rio before the insanity

Get to Brazil before the tourists descend on it for the World Cup, Olympics

LIA HAMA
Metro World News

There is excitement in the air. Brazil is to host both the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympic games in 2016. With the eyes of the world set to turn to Rio, now is the time to enjoy the city, before it is completely invaded by hordes of tourists.

The sandy beaches, lush mountains and of course the sexy samba are still what attract most tourists to Rio de Janeiro. So get the big stuff out of the way first — visit the Christ monument or Sugar Loaf Mountain and then head to Ipanema beach. Have a caipirinha (cane liquor cocktail) or agua de coco (coconut water) while you watch the spectacular sunset. Rio has lots to offer to those who have been before. You can hire a bike, go for a jog or take a stroll at Lagoa, which has a 7.2 km path around the lake. For a pleasant afternoon, catch the train to Sant Teresa and enjoy the old mansions, good bars and restaurants in the area.

And if you're going to Rio, you'll want to know where the beautiful people hang out.

Zona Sul, Ipanema and Leblon are the places where artists, intellectuals and the wealthy liberals cariocas like to hang out. They are the same stretch of beach separated by the canal Jardim de Alah. These charming tree-lined streets criss-crossing these areas offer a wide range of restaurants, boutiques and open bars.

The tanned boys and girls from Ipanema like to meet at Posto 9, as Leblon usually attracts Brazilian TV Globo actors and acesses.


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The Sugar Loaf cable car descends into the Rio de Janeiro on a clear day. Famous for its sandy beaches the city is preparing for the influx of tourists that will come during the World Cup and Olympics.

Good to know

Best Restaurant
- Porcão – The best place to eat churrasco (barbecued meat) in Rio.

Best Budget Hotel
- The Mango Tree — Located a block away from Ipanema beach, this cozy hostel is based in a renovated 1930's colonial style house.

Best shopping area
- Ipanema has the best boutiques in Rio.


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The unofficial symbol of the city, the Samba girls dance the night away in the streets of Rio.



Grand Canyon changes permit system
The Grand Canyon National Park is changing the system for getting backcountry permits. Starting Feb. 1, 2010, the park will consider only written requests for backcountry permits four months in advance of trips. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


METRO WORLD NEWS

Craziness a sight to be seen in Russia

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

MOSCOW The Muscovites' love of all that is brash and flash is something that cannot be denied. Long forced to keep a low profile under Soviet rule, Moscow is now a place bursting with quirky and sometimes crazy things to see and do.

Here are the top four:

1. The heart of history
The Kremlin and Red Square form a historical hub from which the rest of the city (streets, shops, sidewalks) seems to effortlessly emanate. Venture into both and soak in the Russia of past years.

2. Kitsch is Cool
Muscovites love anything with a theme, the more bizarre the better. Dine like a Ukrainian peasant herder at Shinok. Decorated like a farmhouse, the dining room features haystacks and chicken coops and live barn animals.

3. Bring on the Ballet
Ballet, the epitome of elegance is best experienced at the Bolschoi Theatre (www.bolshoi.ru). The greatest ballet in the world the performances here, such as the Nutcracker, are mesmerizing.

4. Vodka Vapours
Whether they were built as a nationwide hangover cure or not Moscow's bathhouses are the perfect way to clear the mind and jump-start the body. Sandunovskiye (www.sanduny.ru) is the most reputable bathhouse in town.

LA: the true hipster experience

Go for the sunshine and beaches, stay for the vintage clothing shops and dive bars

LIA HAMA
Metro World News

If you're dodging the raindrops and cursing the cold right now maybe a Los Angeles break is what you need. Whether you want to see where the movies are made, gawk at the Hollywood set, or just hang out on the beach, the California weather is guaranteed. Like the song says, it never rains in sunny California.

The truly LA thing to do is couch surf: call up a friend and stay in their living room until you've worn out your welcome. Failing that, for the broke hipster looking for a home away from home, there's the Venice Beach Suites & Hotel with rooms from around $105.

Located on the beach amid the bustling Venice boardwalk it's an ideal place to start, but before you make your reservations, be warned: the Venice boardwalk is part tourist trap, part congregating place for bonafide weirdos.


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Venice Beach is as much known for its surfing as it is for its collection of odd characters.

When you're ready to shop, take a trip to Long Beach to shop alongside Hollywood set designers and costumers on Retro Row, the strip of East 4th between Junipero and Cherry Avenues that hosts over a dozen vintage clothing stores, furniture shops, and décor places.

After you've got your shopping fix, you'll need to get your eat on.

Look no further than Cicada. Housed in a gorgeous 1928-built Art Deco masterpiece with food that matches the atmosphere, Cicada is the antithesis of LA's trendy restaurant scene: old fashioned grandiose rather than insufferably hip. If you're into the American dive bar experience, you can't leave LA without stopping by Frank N Hanks in Koreatown (213-383-2087), which serves up ultra-cheap beer and cocktails to a super-arty crowd. Best of all, they have one of the best jukeboxes in the city.

3 free things to do

1 The Getty Center (getty.edu) offers visitors access to a world class collection of paintings, sculpture and photographs. Admission is free.

2 Since you're coming to the pop culture factory, why not attend a show taping to see how we do it? Sites like audiencesunlimited.com and tvtix.com can help you book free tickets.

3 Check out the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre (ucbtheatre.com) on just about any night. With rising stars like Aziz Ansari and Paul Scheer, it would be insane for you not to go.



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Rosie home alone

Living single is less than rosy for Rosie O'Donnell. "I'm not (enjoying the single life)," O'Donnell said. "But on we grow, so to speak." Earlier this month, she revealed partner Kelli Carpenter had moved out two years ago. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment



Cougar shoot

Cougar Town, which stopped filming last week so Courteney Cox could attend to a "family matter," resumes production Monday following a week-long break for U.S. Thanksgiving. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Old Dogs lacks bite

Old Dogs

Director: Walt Becker
Stars: Robin Williams, John Travolta, Seth Green
Classification: G
Rating: 🌐½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



John Travolta stars in Old Dogs.

REVIEW Old Dogs is tailor-made for airline travel. The plot, characters, and themes are so watered down that it's impossible for anyone to be offended, while the jokes are so tired that they will only induce laughter from audiences woozy from high altitudes.

Though not the worst movie ever made, Old Dogs is definitely high in the ranks for the blandest.

Robin Williams and John Travolta star as two long-time business partners with incredible financial success, but no family life.

That changes when a memorable fling from Williams' past pops up with two children that he never knew he had and insists that he care for them while she goes to prison.

That set up was never going to lead to a great movie, but it is surprising that it lead to a film in which Travolta battles CGI penguins and Williams flies into the climax wearing a jetpack.

The writers were so desperate to wring jokes out of this outdated material that they frequently rely on bizarre fantasy slapstick sequences that are ludicrously out of place.

Old Dogs is a failure and an unfortunate one. In the difficult realm of family comedy, filmmakers often rely on the broadest possible jokes to prod giggles out of kids. Old Dogs features a fart joke, a urine joke, and a poop joke before 30 minutes pass.

Family audiences with low expectations might chuckle, but children's comedies don't have to be like this.

These days it's clear that children appreciate sophisticated stories and humour when it's geared to them (as in Up!), making movies like Old Dogs feel like relics. It's time for family filmmakers to learn a few new tricks.

Screentimes

- Bayers Lake: Wed 12:50-1:25-3:50-4:20-7:20-7:35-9:45-10 Thu 12:50-1:25-3:50-4:20-7:20-9:45-10
- Park Lane: Wed-Thu 3:30-7-9:10
- Lower Sackville: Wed-Thu 7:10-9:15
- Dartmouth Crossing: Wed-Thu 1:40-4:15-7-9:45
- Truro: Wed-Thu 7:10-9:15
- Bridgewater: Wed-Thu 6:20-8:30

On the web

- For Od Dogs photos, trailer and screentimes visit metronews.ca/movies



Wes Anderson makes his first foray into feature-length stop motion animation with the adaptation of Roald Dahl's The Fantastic Mr. Fox.

Mr. Fox a visual feast

Wes Anderson adapts Roald Dahl novel for the big screen

The Fantastic Mr. Fox

Director: Wes Anderson
Stars: George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Jason Schwartzman
Classification: PG
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐🌐

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW American film's reigning leader in quirky comedy, picture box imagery, and British Invasion soundtracks has returned. Wes Anderson is back with arguably his most visually impressive work to date.

Using Roald Dahl's novel The Fantastic Mr. Fox as a springboard, the director makes his first foray into feature-length stop motion animation. The film is a visual feast and a triumph for Anderson. The detail in his sets and puppets is remarkable, requiring endless hours of labour from the behind-the-scenes artisans without losing a charmingly handmade quality.

Anderson and co-writer Noah Baumbach use the plot of Dahl's fairly short book for the second act of their story, while adding embellishments for the opening and conclusion. The film still centres on Mr. Fox (dryly voiced by George Clooney) and his battles with three local farmers, but now features a fully developed backstory for the characters and world.

As a result, it feels more like an Anderson film than a Roald Dahl adaptation (Dahl's gallows black humour and dark subtext take a back seat to Anderson's quirky character beats and New Yorker-friendly cultural references).

The combination works, but the film will probably play better with fans of the filmmaker than fans of the author.

With Anderson's style and tone dominating The Fantastic Mr. Fox, it's difficult to predict how it will play with children. Will they appreciate the deadpan comedy and hipster-friendly soundtrack? Maybe not, but it's difficult to imagine anyone failing to be charmed by this thoroughly entertaining film.

As a technical achievement it's remarkable and as a piece of storytelling it's alternately hilarious, surreal, and oddly touching.

Pixar's incredible streak of animated excellence has raised the bar for family entertainment and it's nice to see films like The Fantastic Mr. Fox and Coraline getting produced as a result.

It's a great time to be a pint-sized young cinephile ... or just a regular film fan for that matter.

Screentimes

- Bayers Lake: Wed-Thu 1:15-4:10-6:55-9:35
- Park Lane: Wed-Thu 3:45-6:20-9
- Dartmouth Crossing: Wed-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:55-9:35
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On the web

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Deen smacked by ham
Celebrity chef Paula Deen got an unexpected serving of ham — across her face. The Food Network star was helping unload donated meat for an Atlanta food bank on Monday when someone threw one of the hams like a football and accidentally smacked her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ninja Assassin packs punch

Ninja Assassin
Director: James McTeigue
Stars: Rain, Naomie Harris, Sho Kosugi
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

LINA TOYODA
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Ninja Assassin, the latest by director James McTeigue, is a modern take on an old story,

Martial arts, anime appeal and modern action filmmaking is alive and well in Ninja Assassin, the latest by director James McTeigue (V for Vendetta).

A modern take on an old story, the movie shows blood-spitting ninja fight sequences with manga-like exaggeration. And who doesn't like ninjas?

McTeigue opts for flashy visual effects and darkened artistry, mixing up a traditional genre with modern-day action, complete with secret agents, Europol and a brigade of armed agents with machine guns.

The ripped and conflicted protagonist Raizo is played by Korean pop star Rain, who proves he can chop the part in a martial arts flick, however modernized with acrobatic moves and blood-gore effects.

They couldn't resist throwing in a reference to his boy-band past when an agent makes a comment on his looks.

The storyline gets a little convoluted when Europol gets involved in the ninja-genre story of frayed loyalties and retribution.

The setting jumps to Berlin where forensic researcher Mika Coretti, played be Naomie Harris (28 Days Later), defies the orders of her superior when she discovers a money trail that leads to the elusive assassins of the east.

She quickly becomes the target of the deadly Ozuno Clan who seem to have considerably enhanced qualities, moving like shadowy figures with silence and stealth, until they face the main character Raizo.

Raizo's back story is solid in martial arts style, an orphan who is trained to be a killer, enduring harsh discipline in training sequences, a conflict of loyalty and forbidden love.

Martial arts master Sho Kosugi plays the ruthless father of the Ozuno Clan, adding presence to the genre, delivering lines of wisdom, read like broken scriptures of ancient or a debased Jedi Knighthood.

Although the movie packs some serious action punch with fight scenes that are wickedly vivid and bloody, there are a few moments that reveal its weaknesses, from cheesy one-liners to borderline acting.

But if Quentin Tarantino's style can be said to stay true in the retro realm, McTeigue ventures into new territory by molding old influences like film noir, B-movie horror, anime and martial arts into a modern action film in Ninja Assassin.

The visual graphics are stylized and deliberate while satiating the violence-loving, high-voltage fight scenes we have come to expect from an action flick.

Screentimes

- Bayers Lake: Wed-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:30-10:10
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Motorcycle Diaries' Gael Garcia Bernal takes on 'Mammoth' role

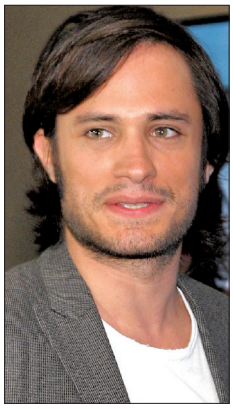
Gael Garcia Bernal calls his latest film "provocative."

The Mexican actor says he knew what he was getting into when he chose to work on Mammoth, with Swedish filmmaker Lukas Moodysson, whose previous films have covered such subjects as forced prostitution and amateur porn.

"I definitely knew that it was going to be a confrontational film, that it was going to be provocative in a certain way," Garcia Bernal said in Spanish, during a recent phone interview from Cochabamba, Bolivia, where he is filming a new movie.

He said Moodysson's work "profiles people in a sharp, vulnerable way that many people can find irritating, while other many can love."

Mammoth, which opened Friday in the United States, centres on a successful married couple in New York: Leo (Garcia Bernal), creator of a booming Internet site who begins to feel trapped in the rat race, and Ellen (played by Michelle Williams, ex-fiancee of the late Heath Ledger), a self-sacrificing surgeon who spends long shifts saving lives in the emergency room.


Gael Garcia Bernal

Their eight-year-old daughter, Jackie (Sophie Nyweide), spends most of her time with their Filipino nanny, Gloria (Marife Necesito), which leads Ellen to question her priorities in life. At the same time, in the Philippines, the nanny's family struggles to survive without her.

During a business trip to Thailand, Leo unknowingly triggers a series of events that have dramatic consequences for all of them.

"I really liked this movie after reading the script," Garcia Bernal said, adding that the idea of working with Moodysson and Williams was also attractive.

And the birth of the 30-year-old actor's first child, Lazaro, in January, has given him a different view of how to interpret the role of a father in film.

"Becoming a father is a lot like, I don't know, going underwater. The first time you go into the sea it completely changes your relationship with the water. The same happens when you become a father, it changes everything that has to do with work, and much more so in my life. I don't know if it's better or worse, but it's definitely different."

The film brought with it a unique set of challenges, Garcia Bernal said, including having to work with a Swedish crew, in Thailand, all the while speaking in English.

"I think all movies are generally a challenge," said the star of films such as The Motorcycle Diaries, Amores Perros and Y tu mama tambien. But he said that's what attracts him to the movies he makes.

"Maybe the ones that are the biggest challenges are the most appetizing for me." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Shakira's female message

Singer connects to women in search of "the one" on new CD



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Right: Colombian-born singer Shakira.

All the single ladies — Shakira is looking out for you!

The Colombian-born singer says the songs on her new album She Wolf, out this week, is a reflection of a woman who is looking for her prince charming.

"It's very much a common thing for women my age, at least my friends, to be in search for the right man and to be somehow dreaming of the prince who's going to come in and rescue them," the 32-year-old said. "Some of these songs either reveal my own daydreams or fantasies, but some of them have to do with my girlfriends' experiences and things that they go through."

The Grammy-winner says songs like the Brazilian-influenced Did It Again and Men In This Town will connect women in search of "the one."

However, Shakira doesn't have to deal with that issue. The singer has been in a relationship with Antonio de La Rua, the son of former Argentinian president Fernando de la Rua, for almost a decade.

In a recent interview, the international star talked about her new CD, relationships and why she is still passionate about her career.

Q What is the album about lyrically?

A I think this album in general has been written from a very feminine perspective. Maybe because today I feel more like a woman and I feel the struggle of being of woman, and its advantages too, in my own flesh. I have a better understanding of women's plight, you know. I guess I understand my mom better today than 10 years ago. . . . (It's about) the old urban tale, you know, trying to find the right man . . . the old urban tale of men not being available, all the good ones are taken.

Q But you are set though, right?

A Yeah (laughs). I'm all set. But unfortunately not everyone out there is and it's tough to date, to be out there and so I kind of wanted to portray that other side of women's reality and Did It Again is about making recurrently the same mistake which is something us women tend to do because of our emotional nature, that emotional, romantic and dreamy nature.

Q The CD features a number of party-sounding jams. Did you club-hop to get inspired?

A Not really. I live in the Bahamas, I only go out sometimes when I'm with my band on the road. We tend to go to clubs, but it's not something I do very often.

Q You and Wyclef have another duet on this CD. Was there any pressure to create something as huge as Hips Don't Lie?

A I knew that it would be difficult to do a song at least of the same genre as Hips Don't Lie and make it big as that one. I think when you're in front of a song the size of what Hips Don't Lie meant to both of us, it's really hard.. We weren't thinking about Hips Don't Lie, we were thinking about having a good time . . . I feel like it's a little jewel in the album. I like the sound — it's smooth and sexy at the same time.

Q What was the goal with this album?

A I wanted to make sure the fantasy was very latent and fresh in the songs... Sometimes music today can get pretty straightforward and blunt, and I refuse to let metaphors die.

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Jacksoul frontman Neale, 39, dies

DEATH Jacksoul frontman Haydain Neale was remembered as an "amazing individual" and a "joyful presence" as stunned colleagues learned of his death from cancer on Monday.

Neale, the frontman for the Juno Award-winning group, died Sunday at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto at age 39, after a seven-month battle with lung cancer, the family said in a release Monday.

Neale had also been recovering from serious injuries after being hit by a car while driving his Vespa motor scooter in Toronto on Aug. 3, 2007.

His friends and fellow musicians were shocked by the news, particularly since many of them thought that he was over the worst part of his illness and was recovering.

"That guy just exuded what it is to be a really cool, down to earth, just amazing individual," Toronto hip-hop MC Kardinal Offishall told The Canadian Press backstage at the SOCAN awards on Monday.

"Wow. Canada really lost something special."

Family members and friends were by his side when he died.

"Through all these challenges, Haydain's sense of humour and love of music were ever-present," his wife Michaela said in the statement.

He constantly brightened the room with his singing and his smile. His joyful presence and beautiful voice will be missed by us all."

> **"That guy just exuded what it is to be a really cool, down to earth, just amazing individual"**
> Kardinal Offishall, musician

Jacksoul was to release SOULmate, on Dec. 1 with 10 new tracks, their first album since the accident.

The first single, Lonesome Highway, was co-produced and co-written by Neale, and touches on his recovery, supported by his wife, daughter Yasmin and numerous others.

Former Treble Charger frontman Greg Nori considered Neale a close friend since the two men worked side by side in studio space at the Sony offices.

"This guy was an extremely, extremely generous person," Nori said backstage at the SOCAN event. "(He) was always 120 per cent to me, as an individual, he really was. I always had a really great friendship with him and we had a great respect for each other.

"I never saw the guy get mad. He only had positive energy about him. That's my recollection of him. Never, ever did I see any kind of jealousy out of him, or negativity."

Kardinal Offishall, likewise, said Neale was a special human being.

"People who never had the chance to meet him were able to see that not just through his music, but just in how he carried himself, just the type of dude that he was," said the rapper, who says he had checked in on Neale's status by sending a text message to a mutual friend just days before his death.

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Jacksoul singer Haydain Neale died at age 39 from lung cancer on Sunday.

Cyrus keeping in the family tradition

Miley Cyrus and her brother are getting matching tattoos. Metro Station rocker Trace Cyrus has several pieces of body art, and after getting a matching design to his singer father Billy Ray Cyrus he now can't wait until 17-year-old Miley is old enough to have her flesh inked too. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Women reflect on Oprah after show end announced

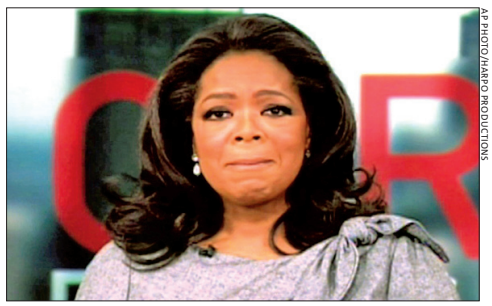
It's the talk show talked about around the world.

Oprah Winfrey's announcement last week that she will end her daytime TV program after its 25th season in 2011 made headlines from London to Johannesburg.

Audiences for the show might be smaller outside the United States, but the whole world knows Oprah — a celebrity ambassador for American culture who has influenced everything from the aspirations of young African girls to the global publishing industry.

In London's Brixton neighbourhood, a centre for Britain's Afro-Caribbean community, shoppers had warm words yesterday for the American star.

"I don't watch that often, but she has definitely had an impact on me personally," said Tanya Wallis, 46. "She has helped me broaden my horizons and to diversify to look at others with more acceptance. We are all part of the human family."



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In this image taken from video Friday, Nov. 20, and provided by Harpo Productions Inc., talk-show host Oprah Winfrey announces that her daytime television show will end its run in 2011 after 25 seasons.

Oprah's show is syndicated in 145 countries and her warm, informal style has been copied by TV personalities around the globe. Few, though, have achieved her connection with a huge audience and easy rapport with guests — or the sort of political clout that saw her endorsement help bolster Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

Trisha Goddard, a daytime TV host sometimes labelled "Britain's Oprah," told the BBC that "there were talk show hosts before her, but they talked. She listens."

That quality endeared her to millions around the world. Many of her most devoted fans are in South Africa, where she put $40 million into the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy, a school for underprivileged girls near Johannesburg.

Scandal erupted soon after the academy opened in 2007, when a female caretaker was accused of sexually abusing six teenagers. Her trial is continuing.

Winfrey, who has spoken out about being sexually abused as a young girl, said she was devastated by the allegations.

Winfrey's popularity in South Africa is so great that a motivational talk scheduled for late November in Johannesburg sold out in less than four minutes, according to The Star newspaper. Ticket prices were nearly $100, a large sum for many South Africans.

"It is not just a talk show," said Carla Tamele, a 20-year-old university student in Johannesburg. "Oprah attracts the type of audience that is family oriented, nurturing and always seeking to learn something new, which I relate to."

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TV Guide to air Boyle documentary

SPECIALS TV Guide Network says it will air a special program starring singing Scottish sensation Susan Boyle next month.

The one-hour documentary, I Dreamed a Dream: The Susan Boyle Story, will feature performances by Boyle, plus interviews with her as well as friends and celebrities including Simon Cowell, a producer of the special.

It was last January that the shy, dowdy 47-year-old Boyle stepped on stage to audition for Britain's Got Talent. She electrified the judges and everyone else in earshot with her soaring rendition of I Dreamed a Dream.

The documentary, premiering Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. EST, promises to track her journey from an obscure village in rural Scotland to that breakout performance and the global fame that has embraced her since.



Susan Boyle

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Entertainment in brief

COMEDY The Kids in the Hall make their long-awaited return to series television in January with their dark comedy, Death Comes to Town, the centrepiece of CBC-TV's winter lineup. The beloved comedy troupe are among the Canadian personalities offering snippets of new series bound for the public broadcaster.

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9 Jesse McCartney Ft T-Pain - Body Language
8 Hedley - Don't Talk To Strangers
7 Owl City - Fireflies
6 Chris Brown Ft Lil Wayne - I Can Transform Ya
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4 Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
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11/25/09 primetime	31	31	31 ABC	News Center 5	ABC Wld News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Modern Family	The Middle (N)	Modern Family	Cougar Town	Eastwick
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	So You Think You Can Dance		Ghost Whisperer		Eastwick
	11	11	11 CBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dragons' Den (HDTV) (N)		Geologic Journey		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	2	2	2 CBC-F	Pyramide (SC)	Union-force	Virginie (SC)	L'Épicerie	Le Moment de vérité (SC)		Hauts		Le Téléjournal
	32	32	32 CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Old Christine	Gary Unmarr	Criminal Minds "100" (N)		CSI: NY
	69	69	69 CFTM	TVA nouvelles	Le Cercle (SC)	Poule-oeufs or	Occupation	Destinées (HDTV) (N) (SC)		Dr. House (HDTV) (SC)		TVA nouvelles
	6	6	6 CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Melrose Place "Grand"		Bones		Glee "Hairography" (N)		News Final (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	etalk	Access H.	CSI: NY (HDTV) (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		Criminal Minds "100" (N)		CTV News
	10	10	10 ELTV	Swap Shop (Live)		Fuelin' Around	Au Natural (N)	Doc Talk (N)	Fuelin' Around	Community Matters		
	36	36	36 FOX	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	So You Think You Can Dance		Glee "Hairography" (N)		Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access H.	Extra (N)	The Biggest Loser "Where Are They Now" (N)				Jay Leno Show
	29	29	29 NW	(6) Power & Politics		Connect Today's biggest stories. (N)				CBC News: The National		Planet Earth
	4	4	4 PBS-B	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Greater Boston	Ask This Old	Secrets of the Dead (N)		Great Performances		
	35	35	35 PBS-D	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Business Rpt.	Worldfocus	Secrets of the Dead (N)		American Masters		
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	23	96	96 BNN	Business News	Headline	Market Call Tonight		After Hours	Market Call	Squeeze Play		Business News
	18	18	18 CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		CNN Tonight (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
sports	54	54	54 GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Top 10 (HDTV)	Top 10 (HDTV)	Uneven Fairways (HDTV)		Big Break Disney Golf (HDTV)		Golf Central
	52	52	52 RSE	Connected W-Prime Time		MMA Conn	UEFA Champions League Soccer Teams TBA.					Sportsnet Con.
	55	55	55 SCOR	HSR	Covers Experts	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Charlotte Bobcats. (Live)					Court Surfing	
	45	45	45 SPD	Unique Whips		Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	Amer. Thunder	Pinks Outtakes	Pass Time	Pass Time	Wrecked
	53	53	53 TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Tampa Bay Lightning. (HDTV) (Live)					NHL Hockey	
family	43	43	43 FAM	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Sonny Chance	Zack & Cody	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School
	44	44	44 TOON	Jimmy Two	Johnny Test	Scooby-Doo	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad
	26	26	26 TREE	Timmy Time	3rd and Bird	Backyardigans	Nght Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Babar
	27	27	27 YTV	iCarly	iCarly	Drake & Josh	That's-Weird	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	Family Biz
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	70	70	70 APTN	APTN National News (N)		Investigates	Martha of the North		Wings-Canada	Canadian Geographic		Great Towns
	50	50	50 BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Rihanna	Monica: Still	Monica: Still	The Game	The Game	The Game
	37	37	37 BRVO	Wind at My Back		The Achievers	Bravo!Videos	Arts & Minds	O'Reagan File	Wingfield	Star Portraits	White Collar
	25	25	25 CMT	CMT Star (N)	CMT Star	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Home Improve.
	49	49	49 COM	Just for Laughs		Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Michael
	153	153	153 COURT	A Few Good Men and Women		Struggle for Justice		Cops Uncut	Dumb Criminal	Declassified		Justice
	38	38	38 DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Pitchmen (N)		Mega Builders (N)		Mayday
	34	48	48 HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home		House Hunters	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Intervention	Property Virgin	Unsellables UK	House Hunters
	46	46	46 HIST	Outlaw Bikers		Ice Pilots NWT (N)		Life After People		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Pilots NWT
	17	17	17 MM	Video on Trial		One Tree Hill		My Date With...	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew		Degrassi: TNG
	19	19	19 MMM	mmtop10.ca		The Daily Fix		Ranked!		Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Entourage
	201	201	201 M1	(6:30) *Never Back Down* (2008, Action)			(8:25) *Fanboys* ★★ (2008, Comedy)			*Mamma Mia!* (2008, Musical Comedy)		
	48	23	23 OLN	Mantracker		Ghost Hunters International		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters
	51	51	51 PEACH	The Office	Name Is Earl	Family Guy	Family Guy	Law & Order: SVU		The Office	The Office	*28 Days*
	206	206	206 PIX	*Village of the Damned*		(8:15) *Blindside* ★★ (1987, Drama) Harvey Keitel.				*The Wolf Man* (1941)		*Resident Evil*
	67	67	67 RDI	RDI monde	RDI économie	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Artisans du changement (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie
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	40	40	40 SLICE	Skin Deep	Skin Deep	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Nearly Dead	Nearly Dead	Nearly Dead	Newlywed	In Laws
	47	47	47 SPACE	Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Torchwood "Adrift"		Supernatural
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	57	98	98 STAR	etalk	TMZ (N)	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		Dr. Oz Show
	21	21	21 TLC	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Little Couple	Little Couple	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Jon & Kate Plus 8		I Didn't Know
	56	34	34 TROP	Project Runway Canada		King	King	The Outer Limits		ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy
	20	20	20 TV5	Que.-champion	Journal de Fr2	Devoir d'enquête		*MR 73* (2008, Policier) Daniel Auteuil, Olivia Bonamy.				Mixeur
	28	28	28 V	Emily of New Moon		Murder, She Wrote		Keeping Up	Open All Hours	American Experience "Monkey Trial" (N)		
	60	97	97 VIVA	Da Vinci's Inquest		Cold Case "Resolutions"		Missing "Truth or Dare"		The Closer "Aftertaste"		Cold Case
	22	22	22 W	House-Sell	Confidential	Old Christine	Friends	Friends	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Yourself Sexy	Chef Worthy
	251	251	251 WGN	WGN Evening News		Two/Half Men	Family Guy	*Gracie* ★★ (2007, Drama) Dermot Mulroney, Carly Schroeder.				WGN News

critics' corner

Gary Unmarried

When Gary (Jay Mohr) lets Louise (Kathryn Newton) attend a party for the "cool kids," he tries to keep it a secret from Allison (Paula Marshall) — which, history shows, is a doomed scenario. At the radio station, Sasha (Brooke D'Orsay) contemplates having more than a working relationship with Gary in the new episode "Gary Keeps a Secret." Keegan-Michael Key co-stars. 9:30 PM on CBS



Geologic Journey

Hosted by geologists Nick Eyles, Tom Krough and Nick Culshaw, this series from 2007 takes viewers on a journey through Canada's landscape. In this episode, the Great Lakes region is examined, including the histories of a mountain range and inland tropical sea that are long gone. 9 PM on CBC

Glee

Mr. Schuester (Matthew Morrison) and his glee club check out their hair-raising competition, but there's even scarier stuff going on elsewhere, as Kurt (Chris Colfer) gives Rachel (Lea Michele) a makeover. Eve guest stars as the rival glee club's instructor in the new episode "Hairography." Jane Lynch also stars. 10 PM on CIHF, FOX



Katie Holmes' parenting woes

Katie Holmes is reportedly worried about what type of kid daughter Suri Cruise is turning into, thanks to Tom Cruise's lax parenting style, according to Star magazine. "He never says no to her," a source tells the magazine. METRO WORLD NEWS

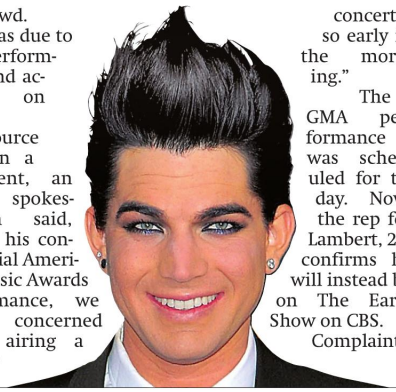
Celebrity Buzz

GMA pulls plug on Lambert performance

AMERICAN IDLE Adam Lambert is definitely a showstopper. Good Morning America canceled Lambert's performance for the show's concert series, his rep confirms to Usmagazine.com. (Lambert had no comment.)

A source tells Us it was due to the American Idol alum's shocking showcase at Sunday night's American Music Awards, where he simulated fellatio with a male dancer, kissed his male keyboardist, grabbed his crotch and flipped off the crowd.

"It was due to his performance and actions on stage," the source says. In a statement, an ABC spokeswoman said, "Given his controversial American Music Awards performance, we were concerned about airing a similar concert so early in the morning."



The GMA performance was scheduled for today. Now, the rep for Lambert, 27, confirms he will instead be on The Early Show on CBS.

Complaints poured in to ABC — the network that aired the AMAs and GMA — on Monday about the sexually charged performance of For Your Entertainment, his first single off his debut album.

According to the Associated Press, ABC said more than 1,500 people complained, what it termed a "moderate" response, and the Parents Television Council also said it had heard from many upset members.

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Urban's little girl already showing musical chops

DNA ENVY Dad's a country star and mom's a pretty good song-and-dance woman herself, so it's no wonder Sunday Rose — the 16-month-old daughter of Keith Urban and Nicole Kidman — is already displaying showbiz talent, people.com reports.

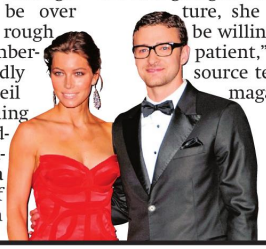
"She sounds quite musical," Urban, 42, told People. "I sit her at the piano every morning. We play. We mash the keys together."



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Biel warned 'not to bring up marriage' with Timberlake?

SILENT SCREEN Though they're said to be over their rumored rough patch, Justin Timberlake reportedly banned Jessica Beil from mentioning marriage, according to OK! Magazine "Jessica knows that if she and Justin are ever going to have a future, she has to be willing to be patient," a source tells the magazine.

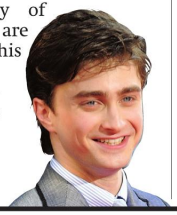


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Draco Malfoy comes to Harry Potter's defense over weed pics

THIS WOULD *NEVER* HAPPEN IN THE MOVIE While Daniel Radcliffe is dealing with the fallout from photos of him allegedly smoking marijuana being published, his on-screen nemesis is coming to his defense.

"Obviously Daniel and Emma Watson are under more pressure to keep a squeaky-clean image. When the media fabricates stories I don't think it's really fair on those poor guys," Tom Felton, who plays Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter films, tells the Telegraph. "He did ring me last week. He's a trouper, he's doing his best. I just reassured him that the vast majority of people are on his side."



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Celebrity tweets

Tila Tequila is working on her own version of the Twilight Saga, Paulo Coelho is worried about voiding his warranty, and Lady Gaga buys her fans some pizza.



• @officialTila It'll be a beautiful, intense love story with Bella & I as we go through our adventures being lesbians,but heartbreak is near as Jacob is 18

• @paulocoelho Going to my wife's birthday dinner, but leaving iPhone at home or it can die from 2nd hand smoking.

• @ladygaga Sending all my little monsters little pizzas for waiting all night for me at Best Buy. I hope you're hungry... eat up I love u!



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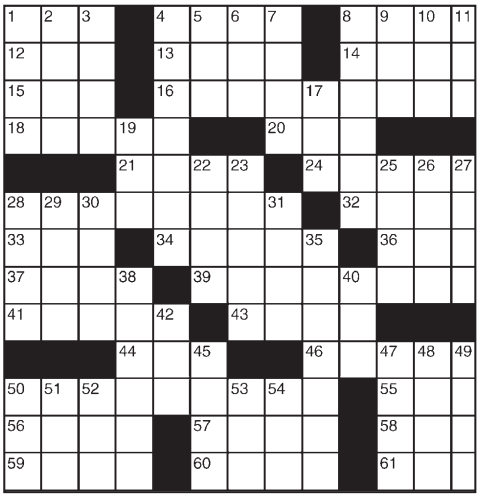
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	1	2				6		
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3			9					2
8				6	1			
		6				3	4	

ACROSS

1 Pal in the 'hood
4 Actress Jessica
8 Dog owner's ordeal
12 Once around the track
13 Italy's silhouette
14 Pelvic bones
15 In vitro items
16 Cousin of the ibis
18 Yo-Yo Ma's strings
20 — de mer
21 Killer whale
24 Linguini sauce
28 Keep growing rapidly
32 Go with the eagles
33 Intention
34 Hairnet
36 "Mamma —!"
37 Slender
39 Where to "think outside the bun"
41 Bristles, biologically
43 Sullen
44 Meadow
46 Judge's prop
50 Letter from the Vatican
55 Ram's mate
56 Newspaper page
57 Furniture store name
58 Afternoon affair
59 Moist in the morn
60 Links supply
61 Mork's home planet
1 United nations

DOWN

2 Carry on
3 October birthstone
4 Soaks up
5 Prune
6 Greet the villain
7 Fermi's tidbit
8 Cross references?
9 "The Greatest"
10 Up to, in verse
11 Actor Holbrook
17 Siesta
19 Despondent
22 Lacks the ability
23 "Get — of this!"
25 A handful
26 Do surveillance on
27 Exam format
28 Back talk
29 Cleo's water
30 Leave out
31 Crazy
35 Gen. MacArthur
38 Ailment
40 Underwear with underwire
42 Slithery fish
45 Slightly
47 Presidential power
48 Basin accessory
49 Security problem
50 Spacecraft compartment
51 Mimic
52 Church seat
53 Guitar's kin
54 Shelter

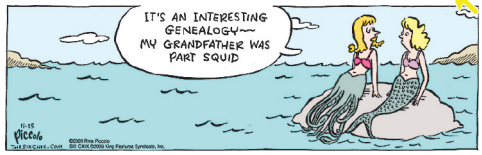
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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7	9	3	1	6	8	2	4	5
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4	3	8	5	2	9	7	1	6

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Basmati Pilaf with Tikka Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

4 skinless chicken breast fillets
1 garlic clove, chopped
1 tbsp (15 ml) tikka spice mix
2 tbsp (25 ml) canola oil
1 onion, sliced
1 1/3 cups (325 ml) basmati rice, rinsed
2 1/2 cups (625 ml) hot vegetable stock
1/3 cup (75 ml) raisins
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped cilantro
3 1/2 oz (100 g) cherry tomatoes, halved
3 tbsp (45 ml) toasted pine nuts

METHOD:

1. Cut chicken breast fillets into strips and mix with half each of garlic and tikka spice. Marinate while you cook pilaf, turning chicken strips after 10 minutes.
2. Heat canola oil in large pot, add onion and remaining garlic, and cook gently 3 minutes. Mix in basmati rice, then remaining spice powder. Preheat ridged grill pan.
3. Pour hot stock into rice with 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt and raisins. Boil, then simmer. Cover and cook 10 minutes without lifting lid. Liquid should have been absorbed. If necessary, cover and cook 2 minutes more. Add cilantro and tomatoes, stir and remove from heat. Leave 5 minutes, then fork pine nuts through rice gently.
4. Grill chicken strips until just firm, turning once. Spoon pilaf into serving dish and put chicken on top. Serve with lemon wedges.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
One way or another the next few weeks are going to be extra special, so put your worries and woes behind you and get ready to have some fun.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Once you cross a certain line there is no going back and you should bear that thought in mind today. That line is there for a reason: as a warning.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Relationships will be much in your thoughts over the next 24 hours but don't make any major decisions until the weekend at the earliest.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
This is one of the busiest times of the year for you, but no matter how much work there may be on your plate right now you must not go to extremes.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You have been rather subdued in your enthusiasms in recent weeks but that will change quite dramatically. Watch out world, Leo is back on the prowl!

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Family matters are going to take up a large slice of your time and energy. Don't let other people's needs eclipse your own.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
For best results you should adopt an easy come, easy go attitude, especially towards money. Chances are you will be too busy having fun to worry.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
According to the planets you are moving too fast for your own good at the moment. What's the rush? Slow down. Take your time.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It seems there is one final thing you must do, one final loose end you must tie up, before you can let your hair down and have some fun.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Over the next few weeks you'll no doubt feel melancholy at times, but that is natural. You may be down now but you'll be up, up and away later on.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You could soon find yourself moving in a new direction, with a new set of aims and with a new group of friends.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You seem to be more concerned than usual about your position in society and whether or not you are making the most of your talents.

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This day in history

1759: Disastrous earthquake hits Mediterranean, Beirut and Damascus completely destroyed, 30,000-40,000 dead.
1867: Alfred Nobel patents dynamite.
1947: Red Scare: The "Hollywood Ten" are blacklisted by Hollywood movie studios.
1952: Agatha Christie's murder-mystery play The Mousetrap opens at the Ambassadors Theatre in London and eventually becomes the longest continuously-running play in history.
1963: President John F. Kennedy is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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